

Opinions

Religious Freedom, American Style

(Editor's Note: January 16 marked the bicentennial of one of America's great contributions to the history of religious freedom—the passage by the Virginia legislature of Thomas Jefferson's Virginia Statute of Religious Liberty. In that historic act, a forerunner of the First Amendment, Virginia declared that all men would be free to practice the religion of their choice, that no one would be taxed for the support of any church, and that the choice of one's religion would not affect one's civil rights (as it did in England, where Catholics could not hold office). In Jefferson's words: "our civil rights have no dependence on our religious opinions, any more than our opinions in physics or geometry." And he went on to add: "truth is great and will prevail if left to herself, and she is the proper antagonist to error, and has nothing to fear from the conflict, unless by human interposition disarmed of her natural weapons, free argument and debate, errors ceasing to be dangerous when it is permitted freely to contradict them." But do modern defenders of religious freedom also uphold the principle of "free argument and debate"? In the following article David B. Broyles, Professor of Political Science at Wake Forest University, considers the American tradition of religious tolerance.)

When we reflect on the history of religious persecution in our country, and how easily it has broken out in other nations, the achievement of the American Founders in establishing religious liberty seems a remarkable one. It is well, therefore, to review the Founders' thinking on religious freedom, and to ask why it is that state-sponsored religious persecution has never happened in America.

There was broad agreement among the founding generation over the ideals incorporated into the religious clauses of the First Amendment, yet there was also some disagreement about how best to carry these ideals into practice. Indeed, some, like Thomas Jefferson, thought a Bill of Rights, including a prohibition on Congress interfering in religious matters, was vital to secure rights against the power of the national government. Others, like Alexander Hamilton, thought that a Bill of Rights was unnecessary, because the Constitution's provisions for government by the people's representatives and for separated powers would do the job best.

Proponents of a Bill of Rights carried the day; but it is well to remember Hamilton's points in "The Federalist," No. 84 that "the Constitution is itself, in every rational sense, and to every purpose, A BILL OF RIGHTS." The Constitution, Hamilton emphasized, established a "limited" government. He objected to the First Amendment, as he did to the whole Bill of Rights, because it made it seem that the national government needed to be restricted in exercising certain powers. But these powers, Hamilton said, had "never been granted" to the national government. Thus, to include a Bill of Rights which limited, for example, the power to make laws "respecting an establishment of religion," was to imply the worst thing possible, that those powers had been granted to the national government after all.

Today, there are some disturbing signs that Hamilton's fears might have been well founded. The federal government, especially through the courts' interpretations of the First Amendment, does seem to have gone beyond its original limits and adopted an official view of religion. In a surprising way this view is quite different from that held by the founding generation.

At the time of the Founding, many Americans believed that religion was a matter of private conscience in which the state had no right to interfere. They accepted the obligation to turn away from old European legacies of persecution and prejudice, and to recognize that every man should worship God as seems right to him. They believed that religion, properly understood, is a matter of individual conscience, and requires free consent. It cannot be taught by resort to "fire and sword," but only by the persuasion of teachers who tolerate, even welcome, diversity.

There was an important connection, moreover, between the freedom of religion and free government. As Calvin Coolidge would later note, "the early colonial clergy... justified freedom by the text that we are all created in the divine image, all partakers of the divine spirit." Religion, the colonial clergy taught, fosters those same virtues which are necessary to a free man's competence and dignity—courage, temperance, understanding, justice. Benjamin Franklin echoed this understanding when he said of God.

I believe he is pleased and delights in the Happiness of those who he created; and since without Virtue Man can have no Happiness in this World, I firmly believe he delights to see me Virtuous, because he is pleased when he sees me Happy.

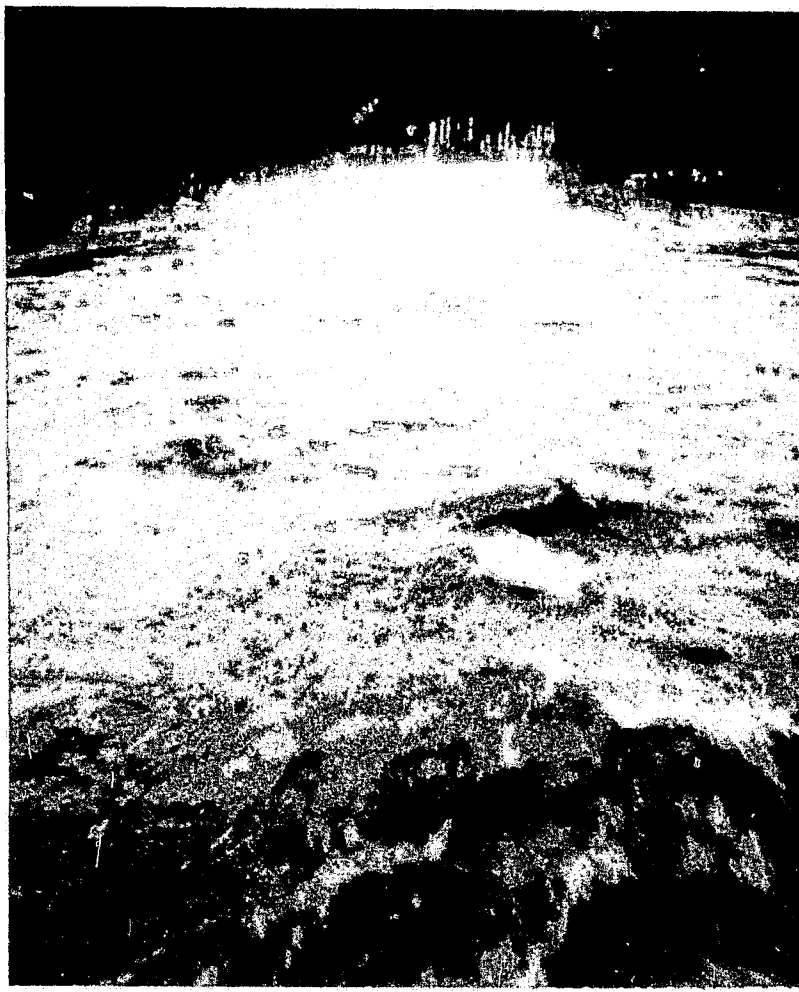
The Founders were well aware that religious dedication is the proper complement to free men and free governments, and that the best way of ensuring religious dedication was to ensure that religion was free.

Today, however, those who have come to regard the First Amendment as the most important part of the Constitution emphasize the part that imposes limits on the people. They always see somebody trying to establish religion in schools or public places, and consequently they emphasize the Amendment's restrictions against establishing religion. What they often neglect is its guarantee of the free exercise of religion.

These enforcers of limits on free exercise don't really value religion very much it seems. They strip it of real significance by attributing a person's religion to nothing more than accidents of his early experience. Also they recommend a new kind of "toleration" which amounts to indifference. They argue that toleration ought to be granted to all sincere beliefs because all forms of worship, and indeed the belief in God itself, are accidental matters of the tradition and habits into which one is born and brought up. If this is true, toleration amounts to no more than remembering that every man's religious beliefs are not to be held against him, because they are the work of circumstance and accident, not of his own choosing.

But most contemporary Americans disagree with these views of religion and religious toleration and agree with our Constitution makers instead. They have no doubt that religious is good and that it is nourished by respect for other religions even in the midst of disagreement, and not by the indifference that attributes religion to accident. We Americans tolerate, and even encourage, many different religions, even those that appear to us to be in error, just so long as they honor God and inspire man. This kind of toleration is fostered by our constitutional devices of representation and separated powers which we use to keep government pursuing only its proper purposes.

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THE SUNDAY RIVER, just below the covered bridge, in Newry, was a raging torrent as a result of the rain and runoff.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Anyone thinking of having a hydro dam on their property or anyone that wants to build one near you—fight it! After it is there—and it does damage to your land—no one is interested!

Come to Newry and we can show you what the hydro dam on Wight's Brook is doing to our field, besides ruining some of the best fishing for over half a mile. We have written letters to the E.P.A., Department of Inland Fisheries, etc., no one will even come to look at it. All permits, even in order—but, how did they get them? Some people will do anything for those "Almighty Dollars"! Must be another case of Cabin Fever.

Ras and Karlene Bachelder

To the Editor:

After reading the *Citizen* (Jan. 22) I feel compelled to voice my opinion and state some facts which led to the present situation.

In 1967 we purchased the Bond property located one mile from Route 2. The entrance from Route 2 was constructed when the highway was rebuilt in 1959 and 1960. At that time the dirt road to our property had been used by one family in the summer only. After the road was badly damaged by a logging operation, the town of Newry reconstructed the road, with some financial help from Bethel because of the "Gaza Strip." The entrance was never changed.

In 1969 we opened a small camping area on our property. Approximately 75% of our business come in, stay one night, and we seldom see them again. The biggest complaint we have had over the years is that we are hard to find.

We started with signs miles from the entrance in all directions and with signs at the entrance, travelers began to find us. Then, thanks to Lady Bird Johnson's beautification act and our law makers in Augusta, we are down to two small standardized signs a few yards from the one lane hidden entrance.

The average citizen does not understand the intricacies of the bill board law, but I can tell you that the Phil Taylor theory of doing "what you want with your land" does not necessarily apply to signs on your own property.

Upon recommendations from the Dept. of Transportation and Rep. Jeff Mills, we requested a sign to designate the road which can be done legally by Newry on Bethel land. Apparently this has been rejected. If anyone can tell me how Sunday River got two signs indicating "Sunday River Road" I would appreciate the information. All attempts to find out have been a back-passing result.

So while the camping area business may go down the drain, the fact remains that instead of one family using the entrance in the summer only we have 4 families (7 families by 1987) using it year round.

A possible solution to our problem is to improve the entrance. The Dept. of Transportation claims no responsibility. The "Gaza Strip" is owned by Bethel and we pay our taxes in Newry. A possible solution? Forget it! If the two towns can't decide on who plows the 240' strip there is little hope we can get an improved entrance.

Francis R. Berry

GOULD EARLY DECISIONS

Mrs. Bonnie Pooley has announced that the following four Gould Academy seniors have been accepted to college under their Early Decision programs: Angela Cady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cady, Skowhegan, Smith College in Northampton, Mass.; Erika Dresser, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Dresser, Bethel, Colby College in Waterville; Elizabeth Hopper, daughter of Mrs. Jo-An Hopper and Rodd I. Hopper, Wiscasset, Hobart and William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y.; and Jill Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Simmons, Lewiston, Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.

112th Legislature in session

Editor's note: The Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature convened earlier this month. There are only 50 legislative days in the Second Session. State law requires the Legislature to adjourn by April 16.

The Citizen asked all area representatives and senators how they view the current session. We received responses from Senators Don Twitchell and Ed Erwin and from Representative Jeff Mills. Those responses are printed below.

Sen. Twitchell says...

The second regular session is designed primarily to consider bills of an emergency or technical nature. It provides legislators with an opportunity to introduce bills for governmental housekeeping purposes and also bills that cannot be delayed until next session.

Many of us are very concerned with the status of programs to assist our elderly citizens. As the federal government continues to push responsibility for these programs to the state level, state legislatures throughout the country are searching for methods to continue their services. The Maine Legislature has joined this search; therefore, we will be considering several bills which will directly affect some of our elderly citizens. I have listed some of these bills below. I hope that you will contact me with any comments or questions you may have concerning them.

□ A bill authorizing the Public Utilities Commission to create a ratepayer-funded, democratically directed organization to represent ratepayers in administrative, legislative and judicial forums.

□ A bill to insure fair practices in the sale of health insurance policies to elderly consumers. In past years, Medicare insurance benefits have steadily decreased while at the same time the cost of medical and nursing home care has increased. This has placed significant pressure on Maine's elderly to purchase their own health insurance. In some cases these citizens have been victims of deceptive sales practices. This bill provides approaches to combating this problem.

□ An act to establish penalties for violations of health safety standards in Maine's long-term care facilities. While Maine law provides specific rights for residents of nursing facilities, there are no penalties to enforce these rights. This bill creates a penalty system.

□ A bill to provide funds to expand the network of volunteers to provide more cost-effective transportation services for the elderly.

□ An act to establish two additional veterans homes, one in northern Maine and one in southern Maine.

□ A joint resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to adopt legislation relating to Social Security.

□ A bill raising the income eligibility levels on the Tax and Rent Refund program so that deserving elderly citizens may take part.

As you may have noticed, many of the above bills require increases in funding. Finances are very tight this year, requiring many tough decisions. I would greatly appreciate your opinions on these matters.

TRASH DISPOSAL COSTS

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The high cost of operating the incinerator is due to design flaws in the machinery, a consultant recently concluded. The incinerator is only five years old but is already in need of \$5 million-worth of repairs, Mr. Morrison said. The higher tipping fees from the user towns would help pay for these repairs, he added.

Moreover, because the towns would be investing in capital improvements, they would be given equity in the operation, the Auburn city manager told The Citizen. The relationship between Auburn and the user towns will be restructured so everyone shares in the risks as well as in the benefits, he said.

"We had a policy where the risk was all on one community [Auburn]. We can't afford that anymore."

He believes the \$33 fee is not out of line with other alternatives available for solid waste disposal. He noted that the tipping fee at the private landfill in Norridgewock just increased to \$20/ton. The hauling fee to Norridgewock is, of course, considerably higher than to Auburn.

Mr. Morrison said the user towns have until Feb. 20 to notify him whether they want to continue to use the Auburn incinerator and agree to pay the higher fee while becoming a part owner of the facility.

Selectman Norman Millett, of Greenwood—the man most responsible for the Greenstock transfer station—said the selectmen of the two towns will come to some sort of decision before the deadline set by Auburn runs out.

"We still have some more questions to be answered (by Auburn)," he said.

He admitted that the \$33/ton price being demanded by Auburn was a shock. "We had been thinking 18 to 20 (dollars), and we would've gone with it." In fact, the budget for landfill operations has already been pencilled in based on those calculations, he said. The budget will have to be changed to accommodate the higher costs—if Auburn refuses to budge from that figure, he indicated.

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of
Charlie Gorman
who passed away Jan. 22, 1982
Always a silent heartache,
Many a silent tear,
But always a beautiful memory,
Of the one we loved so dear.
Sadly missed by wife, Celia,
and Family

Sen. Erwin says...

During the session we will consider measures to make insurance coverage for our towns and our medical professionals less costly and more available. As many of you know, doctors, nurses, clinicians, and other professionals are currently having great difficulty securing and affording malpractice insurance. This problem has become so pervasive that some obstetricians have been forced out of business because they cannot afford insurance.

We will also consider revising the Certificate of Need process, a system which determines whether or not health care facilities may purchase equipment, relocate, or expand. The Certificate of Need process was established during the 111th Legislature as part of the Health Cost Containment Bill. Its purpose is to determine whether or not a facility or service is cost-effective.

A recent case involved Eastern Maine Medical Center's request to establish a cardiac surgery unit in Bangor. The Department of Human Services, under the terms of the Certificate of Need review process, was charged with determining the need for the service and analyzing whether or not the cost of establishing the cardiac unit, and the resulting cost that would have to be charged to patients to pay for the unit, would be equal or less than the cost of traveling to Portland—the nearest alternative for such services. The proposals before us, and there are several, would alter the process for making these decisions.

We will receive several legislative requests from the governor, including mandating the use of seatbelts on Maine highways and dealing with the crisis of overcrowding and substandard conditions in our correctional facilities.

I believe the most important issue for us, however, will not come from printed legislative documents. More important than the bills before us will be the issue of funding.

Maine, and other states across the country, continue to face difficult financial decisions. As new federalism places additional programmatic responsibilities on state and local government, and these responsibilities are passed on without federal appropriations, we must attempt to identify new sources of revenue, absorb these programs within existing financial resources, or cut back or freeze current funding levels.

The federal revenue sharing program officially ends this year. The recently passed Gramm-Rudman-Hollings bill may mean a loss of over \$20 million in 1986 and over \$120 million in 1987. The viability of this program is under consideration in Washington, but we will still face additional federal cuts and the needs of our citizens will continue to grow.

Rep. Mills says...

Rep. Jeff Mills (D-Bethel) is a member of the Transportation Committee and is completing his second term in the legislature. Rep. Mills predicts that among the critical issues occupying the legislators during the session will be last until mid-March will be:

The University of Maine and the continuation of educational reforms.

The Alcohol Premium Bill which will fund local alcoholism programs.

Local Measured Telephone Service Mandatory Seat-Belt legislation.

The issue of liability insurance in general, including coverage for town and institutions such as day care centers.

High and Low-Level Nuclear Waste Disposal.

Rep. Mills encourages constituents to contact him on issues of concern or if they need help in dealing with state government. He may be reached using the toll-free number 1-800-423-2900, or at the State House, Augusta Maine 04330. His local address is Box 439, Vernon Street, Bethel, Maine 04217, 824-3290.

Gould boys lose by four to Kents Hill, 70-66

Kents Hill held off a comeback by the Gould Academy Huskies to defeat the boys varsity 70-66. Gould took an early lead after the first period, leading 14-12. At intermission the Huskies found themselves down by one, 30-31.

During the third and fourth periods, Kents Hill increased its lead to as many as 12 points, due largely to the strong inside play of Jeff Boston (19 points) and Mike Griffin (18 points). Paul Olson handed out several assists as he had a nice show at point guard for Kents Hill.

Gould rallied late to come within four points as time expired. Leading the way for Gould was Paul Natal who poured in 34 points, also Kurt Crandall added 10. Gould will have an opportunity to avenge its loss as they play Kents Hill in two weeks on parents' weekend.

OHHS DEBATERS SUCCESSFUL IN PORTLAND

On the weekend of Jan. 18 at Deering High School in Portland, the Oxford Hills High School Debate Team swept almost all divisions.

Novices Yvette Young and Jennifer Gibson took the second place team trophy while Jennifer won the first place speaker award.

In the Lincoln-Douglas division, Jill Caradonna took fourth place, Renea Bourgoine took second place, and McKay Robinson captured the top honors.

In Varsity debate, Brian Forland and Steve Munro took second place, while Chris Schultz and Pauline Birton took top honors. Varsity speaker awards went to Steve Munro, third place; Pauline Birton, second place; and, Chris Schultz won top speaking honors.

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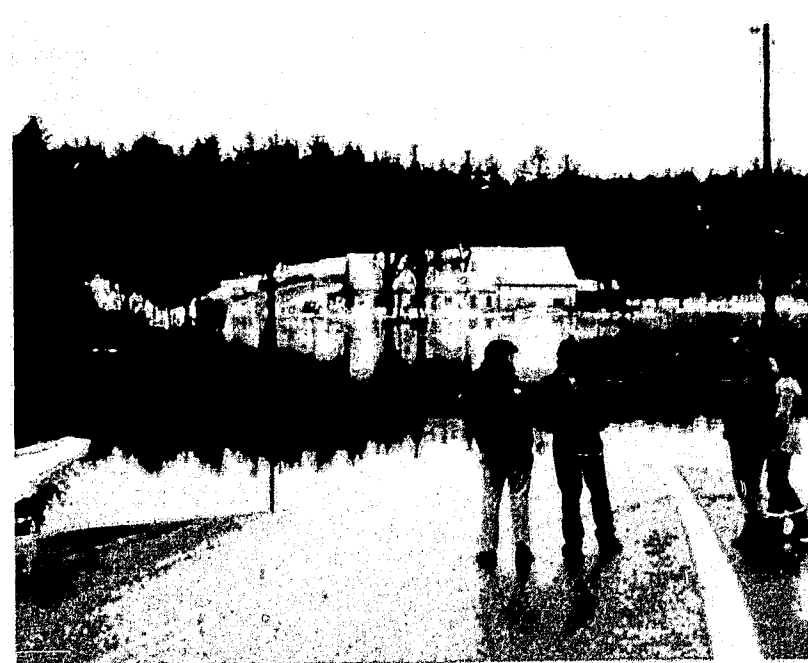
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US RTE. 2 was impassable just west of West Bethel. That's David Luxton's house in the background.

HEAVY FLOODING

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The rain, which began late Saturday night, measured (by Tuesday) 2.51 inches in the lake region around Errol, N.H., 4.03 inches at Berlin, N.H., and 5.16 inches at Rumford, according to a spokesman for the Union Water Power Co.

Union Water Power, which is responsible for maintaining the level of water in the area, began releasing water from the Errol dam over the weekend, according to engineer Bill Grove, at the company's headquarters in Lewiston.

The dam was closed again Monday morning, at 9 a.m., but was opened again Monday night.

Meanwhile, in Shelburne, N.H., Monday morning the James River Co. took the splash boards off the dam there, allowing 6,000 cubic feet of water per second to increase the flow of the Androscoggin towards Bethel. (The increased flow from opening the dam in Errol was 2,200 cubic feet per second, according to Mr. Grove.)

The increased flow in the river was not extraordinary, Mr. Grove explained. In June of 1984, Shelburne released water at the rate of 30,000 cubic feet per second, without causing any problems for the downstream communities. But that release was into a river without ice.

"With the ice in the river it drives everything crazy," the Union Water official said.

One of the jams worrying him yesterday (Tuesday) was a large concentration of ice in the river behind the cemetery on the Northwest Bethel Road.

But further up the river, behind the Northwest Bethel home of Frank and Clarice Gibson, the water was carrying ice chunks along at between 10 and 15 mph. And Frank Gibson said the water had never been so high since the flood of 1936.

John Laban, also on the Northwest Bethel Road, said he figured it was a one-in-ten-year flood. (Monday morning he was busy plowing a path for the runoff from the hills to go so it wouldn't go into his basement.)

Terry Wilson, of Wilson's Garage, on Route 35, West Greenwood, was busy Monday morning removing cars from his yard as water raced through the yard and as the Rabbit Road ran like a creek. His wife was busy packing up the kids and taking them to her mother's. The family's trailer was being surrounded by the swirling waters. Mr. Wilson said he had never seen the water get up so high.

In the Steam Mill section, Pat Doon's trailer park was evacuated Monday before it became an isolated island, with the river on one side and the flooded railroad right-of-way on the other.

The Flat Road, in West Bethel, was open up to the junction of Meadow Brook, but the intersection was deeply underwater.

In mid-morning, Peter Taylor, of Clinton, Mass., drove down from The Kings Inn, in Mason, and stalled in the deep water of the intersection. As the water filled his Subaru station wagon, he clambered out the window and onto the roof of the car. Bob Brown, of Bethel, noticed him there and notified authorities. A town road crew rescued him with a bucket loader; his car was rescued Tuesday by Gaudreault's Repair.

Just past West Bethel, where the Pleasant River approaches US Route 2, the road was covered by three feet of water by mid-morning. David Luxton, who lives just the other side of the river, canoed across the 50 yards of water, testing the depth with his canoe paddle. Before the water receded Monday evening, he had 14 inches inside his living room.

Truck rigs went back and forth across town, trying to find a way out. Many used the Northwest Bethel Road to get to New Hampshire and Rte. 5 to head south. On the Sunday River Road, the water covered the road early Monday and receded as soon as it found pathways to the river through the ice-covered fields. Thereafter ice and mud littered the road and the fields.

On the short connecting road between the Sunday River Road and Rte. 2, just south of Roberts Poultry Farm, the combined house and trailer of Dave Burrill was seriously submerged, as was the road itself. Cheri and Fuzzy Thurston got the residents out in a canoe.

Monday evening, Central Maine Power Company's local representative John Eliot was sure that CMP would have to shut down the power in town as flood waters rose steadily on the junction box at the sub-station on Route 26 near the SAD #44 bus garage. At about 7 p.m., it was decided that it would not be necessary, so the town had light throughout the night.

Parts of West Bethel were without phone service, however, as utility poles went down.

By yesterday, the closed roads had opened, but Rte. 2 to Rumford became closed at the animal farm, and all roads into Andover were closed.

Classes in the schools of District #44 were also cancelled on Tuesday. The rain and runoff not only caused misery and inconvenience for residents, it also washed away a lot of snow at the two local ski areas.

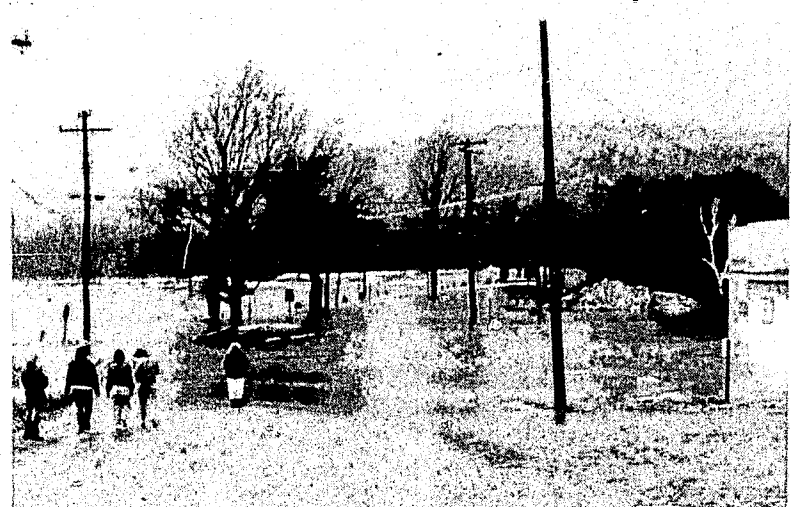
Yet yesterday, both areas were back in operation, and making snow as rapidly as they could. The three inches of snow that fell early Tuesday morning helped cover any bare spots.

Mt. Abram reported good skiing on 18 trails by yesterday afternoon.

Sunday River reported 20 trails in use



TWIN OAKS CAMPGROUND, along the Androscoggin River, in Bethel, was underwater except for the buildings. The picnic tables floated away.



RTE. 26 WENT UNDERWATER AROUND NOON Monday and thereafter became a sightseeing attraction. Cross Street, and the Middle Intervale Road leading into Rte. 26, were also closed by the high waters.

(Photo by Don Brown)



US RTE. 2, just beyond the Bethel rotary, was completely flooded by water backing up Mill Brook. The only access to West Bethel was through Lovers' Lane.

(Photo by Don Brown)

and spokeswoman Wende Gray predicted all trails would be open by the weekend. On Tuesday afternoon she said, "Yesterday it looked pretty dismal, but today it looks great."

Dropping temperatures late Monday brought snow and on Tuesday single digit thermometer readings were evident with wintry winds returning.

D.O.E. ORIGINALLY PICKED

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The Sebago Lake area, on the other hand, had a lot going for it as a potential high-level nuclear waste site, according to the DOE's draft report. Some of the favorable characteristics were as follows:

- absence of active faults in the widespread granite;
- absence of serious earthquakes during recorded history;
- presence of generally flat terrain;
- generally well-drained terrain;
- low population density;
- absence of nuclear installations;
- available access to the national transportation system through regional highways and railroads and through local highways and railroads;
- no projected land-ownership conflicts that cannot be successfully resolved through voluntary purchase-sell agreements or federal condemnation proceedings.

On the other hand, there are only two characteristics of the Sebago Lake area, according to the draft report, that would detract from its being selected as a repository for high-level nuclear waste. These are:

- the presence of shallow ground-water resources that could be economically extractable (if a repository were not under the area);
- the fact that most of the area is within 10 miles of highly populated areas containing more than 1,000 persons per square mile.

In comparison, the Bottle Lake complex exhibits all the favorable characteristics of the Sebago Lake area, and does not have the detracting characteristics of nearby high-population density, according to the draft report.

[However, it should be noted that the draft report has numerous errors in its population figures. The report notes that the Sebago Lake area is bounded by Yarmouth to the southeast and Norway to the north. It gives their populations as 2,981 and 2,653 respectively.

In fact, according to the "Maine Register," the population of Yarmouth in the 1980 census was 6,585. The population of Norway in 1980 was 4,042, according to the "Maine Register." Other population figures checked in the draft report were also incorrect.]

The final "Area Recommendation Report" will be released next summer. Following the release of the final report, the DOE will begin more intense research on the potentially acceptable areas remaining on the list. [To date, the DOE has researched the areas only through existing literature.]

In March 1991, the DOE will release its draft list of nominees for a second repository. The final list of nominees will be given to the President in October 1991. If the President approves the nominations, even more intense research will begin on those sites. By 1996, a final selection will have been made by the DOE and forwarded to the President for his approval.

The agency notes that this final site does not necessarily have to come from one of the 20 areas in the draft report issued two weeks ago. The final choice can be made from the potentially acceptable sites in the first repository project. The first repository has been authorized by Congress and the selection process is down to three finalists: in Texas, Nevada and Washington.

After the President gives the OK to the DOE's finalist for a second repository, the Congress must still approve construction of a second site. [The DOE says a

1985-86 advanced placement program at Telstar

In following up last week's picture in *The Citizen*, this article is to further orient the community of the Advanced Placement (A.P.) program at Telstar Regional High School.

Administered by the College Board, the A.P. program is in its second year as a college level program for Telstar seniors. This specific program offers college level courses and exams to secondary students, who are selected by a committee of administrators and faculty. About 29 percent of American secondary schools currently participate, serving approximately 16 percent of their college-bound students. Over 90 percent of the colleges that A.P. candidates have attended give credit and/or advanced placement to students whose A.P. examination grades are considered acceptable.

At Telstar, there are currently three A.P. courses:

- A. P. English with six seniors: Sarah Buckman, Richard Bodwell, Crystal Haskell, Christopher Laban, Marsha Moxcey, and Suzi Roy.
- American History has four seniors: Sarah Buckman, James Fiske, Tanya Foster, and Crystal Haskell.
- Pre-A.P. Calculus with junior Keith Clanton and seniors James Fiske, Marsha Moxcey and Eric Wight.

Telstar faculty members responsible for the A.P. program are Suzanne Taylor (A.P. English), Bill Morton (A.P. American History), John Applin (Pre-A.P. Calculus), A.P. Coordinator Dan Hart, and Principal Ted Davis.

The A.P. program looks for community support and utilizes local libraries and museums that provide special books, resources and instruction. Field trips to various academies, cultural and political facilities are being explored. Plans are underway for a field trip to Bowdoin College in Brunswick, during February or March. Last year A.P. teachers and students spent a day visiting Bates College in Lewiston.

Individuals or groups wanting to learn more about, or who are interested in assisting the Telstar A.P. program, should contact Dan Hart or Ted Davis at 824-2136.

MILLS TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR LOVELL AND WATERFORD, FEB. 1

Rep. Jeff Mills will meet with constituents in the towns of Lovell and Waterford on Saturday, Feb. 1, to discuss issues of concern including nuclear waste disposal sites, seat belt legislation, local measured phone service, and other topics of interest to those attending.

The Waterford constituent hour will be from 9:30 to 10:30 at the Waterford Town Hall and the Lovell constituent hour will be from 11:30 to 12:30 at the Lovell Town Office.

Anyone who is unable to attend the meetings with Representative Mills but who would like to contact him, may use the legislative toll-free number 1-800-423-2900, or write to State House, Augusta, ME 04333 or Box 439, Bethel, ME 04217.

second site will be necessary; Maine's Sen. George Mitchell claims it won't be.] The earliest date a second site could become operational would be 2006, according to the DOE.

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YOUNG WRITERS

My Mom Ate My Homework

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When I got home I started on my spelling. "I'm done."

After I had supper I went to bed. Munch! Munch! Munch!

"What is that noise," I said to myself. I went downstairs and there was my mom eating my spelling.

"What are you doing?"

"I'm eating your homework."

"Oh."

I was just about to go upstairs when I thought to myself, "She's eating my homework." I ran back to my mom.

"Why are you eating my homework? Why? Tell me why."

"I was hungry."

"You were hungry! Now I'm going to get hanged by my fingernails because you were hungry!"

I got up the next morning and I went to school very mad. I went inside and the teacher said, "I'm sorry to say that your spelling is not due today because it's only Wednesday."

By Jenny Ruokolainen, 5th grade
Agnes Gray School

One day I brought home my "Weekly Reader" to finish it. I had to bring it in the next day. Mrs. Clements (my teacher) said I'd be in trouble if I didn't bring it to school the next day. She didn't say what kind of trouble, but I wasn't going to find out.

All night, instead of doing my work I kept on thinking of what the punishment was if I didn't bring in my "Weekly Reader."

My mom came into my room and said, "Let me see how much you have got done!"

I gave her my "Weekly Reader" and she ate it up (with a little of my finger, too).

The next day was Friday. I went to school. I didn't bring in my "Weekly Reader" (of course). That day was the longest day in my life. I was sent to every grade to do a subject. Even Nursery School! I told Mrs. Clements the whole story, but she didn't believe me. She said that I had to write "I will not tell tales to my teacher" one hundred times for homework.

My mom ate that, too. I was sent to all the grades again. This time I had to stay in at recess to write "I will not tell tales to my teacher" two hundred times. My sister was staying in recess too, so she ate my work!

I don't think I ever got that work done because I'm still writing it today on a rock, so no one can eat it. Oh no! I spoke too soon. Here comes a vicious rock-eater!

By Amy Small, 5th grade
Agnes Gray School

One day I came home from school. I said, "Mom, where are you?"

She said, "I am upstairs."

I said, "I have to do some homework."

When she heard that she came downstairs and started eating away on my homework.

She said, "That's good."

I said, "But what am I going to tell my teacher?"

"That mother used it to start the stove."

I said, "Mom, I can't tell her that. But I will."

So the next day I went to school and told my teacher. She said, "That's okay. I will give you some more and you can do it at school."

I said, "I can't believe she said that. I thought I would get a ticket."

By Alicia Fellows, 5th grade
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Northwest Bethel

By CLARICE GIBSON

Sunday and Monday were two rainy and foggy days so guess that kept people's activities down. At least calling around I got very little news. Cabin fever has seemed to catch up with a lot of people. The excitement of Christmas is over, the days have been short and just not able to get out and doing like we'll be able to later.

Hope that we can stop the dumping of nuclear waste here in Maine. It is such a controversial subject. I think we would do better without the dumping.

Mr. and Mrs. James Monahan had Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bell of P.E.I., Canada. They came Sunday and went back Saturday after visiting and skiing.

Frank and Sylvia Benson went to Warren and Grace Smith's wedding anniversary celebration in Locke Mills Sunday.

One thing we can do these cold nights is get out the seed catalogs and look them over. We have gotten catalogs from companies we had never heard of this year.

Myrtle Lapham went to Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway on Jan. 15 for tests. Albert Skillings and Yvette Currier took Myrtle. On Jan. 16, Peggy Mills and mother, Rumford, took Myrtle to her eye doctor in Berlin, N.H.

Tuesday evening Elaine Packard came and had lunch with me while Frank and George were at a Lions supper and meeting. Wednesday I picked up Frankie and we went to the folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, Buck Hill, South Paris. My sister, Marjorie Tucker, Readfield, was there and brother, Danny Allen ran in for a minute. Thursday, Kathy Hanscom and Gloria Snyder had noontime lunch with me. Frankie and Theresa came for supper and spent the night Friday morning.

Theresa and I picked up Gerry Shimamura and Sylvia Benson and went swimming. Barbara Gallant and her daughter Sheila Fleet met us there.

We will soon be having Groundhog Day and are supposed to know if we will have six more weeks of winter or not, depending on if he sees his shadow. Of course, we will have six more weeks of winter, but, by that time the days are getting longer, so on a beautiful sunny day I it doesn't seem so much like winter.

Here it is the morning of Jan. 25 and it is four below.

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High Street
West Paris
By VIVA WHITMAN

High Street

What a change in the weather the past few days! First real warm and now not so warm. It was really cold outside this afternoon, Jan. 21. I came home from Lewiston on Sunday and it was real warm and even though it was rainy, it didn't seem bad at all.

Russell and I went to Grange at Bryant Pond last night and it was foggy and rainy but not cold so didn't mind driving as long as it wasn't slippery. Had a good time as the Lecturer had a birthday party for all the months of the year; each of the months represented in turn at the tables set up for the occasion. After the meeting, Richard Felt and Dot Canwell started good music with Gerald Easter helping out with his harmonica. Would have liked to listen but had my granddaughter Courtney with me and she was tired and needed to go to bed. She wanted to come up and stay with me for a few days when I came home on Sunday.

I don't know how many of you folks who read this column knew Hazel Cole, but I was sorry to hear of her passing this past week. I have known her just about all my life and she was a lovely lady. I, like many others, went to school with her daughter Joyce. Joyce lives in Mechanic Falls as did her mother.

I was told that Lionel O'Brien, of Bryant Pond, has been moved to Ledgewood Nursing Home after being in the hospital for an operation. He has had to have operations on both legs and that makes it hard for him, but his courage is good. I hope he keeps it up well and gets better and able to get around when given the help he needs. We all wish him the best of luck and fast healing where his legs are concerned.

Thank goodness I have gotten to feeling better after the flu and hope it will leave me alone. There have been a lot of folks who have had their turn having the flu and it is no fun for any of us; just something we have to go through and wait for it to go away.

I brought home a lot of papers and got Audrey Miller to meet Russell and I at the Grange Hall in West Paris to leave them today. My daughter called to see how Courtney was doing and told me that there would be more papers coming as fast as they could get them for the Grange. Hope a lot of folks will help the Grange to get a good big load of papers to help with money for the elevator.

Russell and I are still enjoying the chick-a-dees and the grey squirrels that come to feed out back; also some blue jays at times but not many. Had hoped there would be more birds come to the feeder than there has been but so far not many. Courtney likes to get up where she can watch the birds and squirrels as there is no chance where they live to see them. The city isn't a very good place to have birds come to feed.

It must have been quite a sight to



AGNES GRAY SCHOOL 3rd-grader Cory Tripp recently interviewed Frank Perham, owner of the Rt. 219 Garage, as part of his class's study of the local community.

Nestor and Katie Tamminen to see a huge pig on their front porch! I'm sure it would have been a surprise for any of us to see a sight like that. One never knows what they might see no matter whether in the country or elsewhere. I'd rather see a pig like that than someone breaking and entering. At least it could give one a good laugh and something pleasant to think about.

Got up to the doctor's last week and have to go again tomorrow. Maybe I can have my shots as long as the flu has gotten better. I needed them last week but no shots the way I felt. If it isn't one thing it seems to be another.

Not too much to write about this week where I was in the city last week. Just hope everyone is doing fine and keeping busy and happy. I enjoyed the antics of my granddaughters while there. They can make one laugh no matter how you feel and can make you forget yourself so much with the love they give. Little children are such a blessing, or at least I think so. I'd sure hate to part with these little ones and the more often I see them, the better I like it. They make the world a better place to be in. Wish everyone felt the same way so there wouldn't be so much abuse where children are concerned. Anyway, hope all who have grandchildren enjoy them a lot and give them the love they deserve.

They say we might get some rain tomorrow night and it may freeze but I hope they are wrong. I'll pray for good weather and good health for all my family and friends.

So. Woodstock

By OLIVE DAVIS

The Willing Workers met Thursday night Jan. 16 at the home of Sheryl Wilbur. There were six present. Name: Morgan, Mary Fleming, Claribel Poland, Esther Davis and hostess Sheryl Wilbur. There was much discussion on earning money. It was decided to hold a food sale at Shop 'n Save at the Oxford Plaza on Feb. 14 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. During the month of February they will be selling tickets on a lady's handbag. The next meeting will be at Esther Davis', Feb. 13 at seven o'clock.

The coy dogs were heard on Davis Mountain Monday morning. They were running something I'm sure. I hope the game warden checks them or we will have no deer this spring where they drop their young.

Olive Davis attended Franklin Grange with Lettie and Carl Brooks Monday night.

The Johnsons were at their school house cottage this week end.

Esther Davis attended the nominating committee held at Lena Dean's for making up the slate of officers for the Universalist Church.

Olive Davis and Lettie Brooks attended a housewares party at Alice Hoyt's in Bryant Pond Wednesday afternoon.

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Locke Mills

By LORRAINE MILLS

Remainder: The annual meeting of the Locke Mills Union Church will be held Sunday, Feb. 2, beginning with a 5:30 p.m. potluck supper. The meeting will begin around 7 p.m. Interim pastor Silver Leamon would like to remind people that you do not have to be a member of the church to come and enjoy the activities. Anyone interested on the church, its activities and its growth is welcome to attend.

The Greenwood Fire Department will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at the fire station.

The Greenwood Historical Society will meet Wednesday, Feb. 5, for its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the society building on Main Street.

The Youth Group (Seniors) will conduct a bottle drive Saturday, Feb. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The snow drive will be Saturday, Feb. 22. The proceeds will go towards their Youth Group retreat at Rockcroft Lodge in April.

Town meeting is coming up March 8 so keep that date in mind.

Mrs. Vera Cross and Charlotte Cole were down to West Paris Wednesday and played cards and had dinner with Dora and Elmer Dingley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mills were in Mexico Sunday where they attended church services at the Praise Assembly of God. They had dinner with Dot and Roger Chopping in East Dixfield, and continued on to Dryden to spend the afternoon with their daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Jon Smith. They also saw Don and Jane Smith who were there visiting. The weather turned wet and foggy and it was a difficult trip back. The parking lot at the Praise Assembly was glare ice and they narrowly missed having an accident as they turned in to attend the evening service. They had to return home by way of Bethel as the back roads were so icy. In all it was a wild night weatherwise.

Saturday, Charlotte Cole went to Turner Grange, Turner, and had dinner and helped with the program.

Grace and Warren Smith were given a 40th wedding anniversary party at the Legion Hall last week which was very well attended by family, friends and Legion and Auxiliary members.

John Mills was pleased to receive a circular table covering as a result of a fund raising project by the Legion. It is in shades of brown and white and very pretty.

North Paris

By EVELINE B. VATCHER

Have we had our January thaw? We had some lovely days anyway. It seemed almost like spring and the snow settled so we can see the cars go by the house and part of our yard is nice and brown.

Joe Vatcher called on Arnold Coffin, Gordon Billings and Earl Cordwell at the Norway hospital on Sunday, and Doris Lawrence has been several times.

Harold Child the respiratory man from Stephens Memorial Hospital delayed his call on on Eveline due to the extremely cold weather and she didn't blame him. Callers at Laurences: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vatcher, Odell Heath, Arlene Ellis, Arlene Abbott, Stanley Coffin, Richard Felt, Herman Caru, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Millett.

Barbara Gallant, Bethel, gave Doris Lawrence a perm Thursday.

Arnold Coffin came home from Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Harlan Abbott's fishing party came home with three smelts. Re: one apiece. Tough luck.

Mrs. Rena Rainey and son and Eveline Vatcher went to Dr. Schmittke, the allergy doctor, Monday, and he said his son had a kidney implant in a Boston hospital.



THE CITIZEN'S KAREN HAKALA on her way to a third-place finish in last week's Media Race at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes.

Greenwood City

By COLISTA MORGAN

A snowshoe jaunt to the ridge up back this week was a pleasant outing. On Fox Hill I paused for a few minutes. I hoped I'd see Reddy somewhere near by. He wasn't there but had been. In the snow his tracks showed that he went blithely across the trail and on down toward the hemlock grove. He paused to investigate or sniff at a small pile of brush. His tracks were like those of a small dog, but narrower and showed the marks of sharp claws. I could imagine I could almost see him sitting nearby, in his furs and looking in my direction. How beautifully made he is with his long slender legs and body and elegant brush.

Presently I moved on delighted to know that such wild creatures live among us. All sounds are sharper in winter; the air transmits better. I could hear the breeze stroke down the hill with a low growl.

The world all around me was in a "snow trance." As I looked toward the top, the hill was bulging with drifts, and were cold and white against the sky.

A single beech leaf came rattling down the trail tacking and veering on an unknown voyage.

I stood alone among the hemlocks in a flickering and checkered light. The wind raced among their foliage.

A big spruce was snow-tipped. Yet, at the end of each branch were tiny brown buds set and ready for growth next spring. One must look closely to see them but they were there holding a promise that winter won't last forever.

I came to a place where I could see Overset Mountain thrusting its bulk into the sky. No description; I would be unsuccessful in conveying its lonely majesty beauty, reminding me of my humble recognition, my smallness, and my frailty.

The pines behind me looked down and whispered this little verse, from my scrap book.

"Forests grand, and stately mountains,
Crystal lakes and streams and fountains,
Hills and valleys far and near,
Sunshine soft and warm and clear—
That's our Maine."

Doris Hayes and I joined six other retired teachers for lunch on Thursday then spent the afternoon at the home of Doris Slattery in West Paris.

On Saturday, Fred and Rena Curtis and I were in Poland to visit brother Ernest Curtis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holt and family, Windsor, visited his parents on Sunday. Ann was there also. They called on us in the afternoon.

Ardell, Glenn, and Duane Hayes spent Saturday with their mother Doris. Duane's three children and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hayes were also there. The children stayed for the night.

The Tuesday Club met at the home of Dot Betts on Jan. 21 for the afternoon. What a change in the pond; where I recently snowshoed I can now skate.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank my neighbors, relatives and friends for the lovely cards, gifts, flowers, money and food, and also the Daughters of Veterans, church and Pythian Sisters, and three birthday cakes in honor of my 90th birthday. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Nandi and children also the Rev. Miss Taylor. God bless you all.

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Gilead

By LOUISE LORING

This is just an ordinary day. Nothing much seems to happen—events do take place, but at times not memorably. We have lots of rush days, everyone has rush days—but when things turn out well—let me illustrate.

An ordinary day at the Loring household, often starts out when the roast is cooking and about to be served, and my husband shouts "I can't find my pliers!"

"Did you look through your utility drawer in the kitchen?"

"Yes," he mutters, directing menacing glances at yours truly, while muttering a series of expletives.

"Did you dump the drawer out to make sure. I don't see how you can find anything in there, with all the junk you've crammed in there."

"Of course, I found the packing to the pump I was saving. I was pretty sure I had some somewhere—and the Phillips screwdriver. By the way, who spilled the glue in there?"

"Not me, I don't use your tools or glue either!"

"Well, who did? Do we have gremlins living here? You're the only one who lives here except me—you're here all day!!!!"

"Have you looked out in the garage?"

I ask hesitantly.

No response. (They call that lack of communication.)

Son his coat is on, and he heads for the local pump. There he suspects I mistakenly threw his pliers in the rubbish.

Down at the dump, he retrieves our bright yellow garbage bags from the bottom of the heap, and carefully inspects its contents—but to no avail. Meanwhile, back at the ranch I try to restore order to the kitchen and rescue the burning roast from the oven.

At decent intervals throughout the day, I practice remaining serene as closets are upheaved most unmercifully and even the knick-knacks upon the hutch, are shaken and double checked. (Now, why would I put his pliers into a bud vase for an amusing addition to our decor?) Can you tell me?

Two weeks elapse, and one bright day as we return from grocery shopping, and he starts to close the garage doors, he trips and almost falls. Over what? You guessed it, the pliers!

His face lights up in a sunshiny smile. "Thought I'd never see these again."

I resist a comment which would be dotted with expletives. Oh well, it's just an ordinary day.

P.S. After the honeymoon is over, they call it compatibility!

Fred Coriveau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fernand Coriveau, successfully passed his truck driving course at NOVA, and on Jan. 22 at Mexico attended a banquet and received a certificate of merit for his endeavors.

Leo Belanger is improving slowly at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin at this writing.

Kathy Cole has returned to her classes at the University of Maine at Farmington for her second semester.

Mary Cole and Luella Cole walked up to Wild River and called upon Cy Cole one day last week.

Elaine Packard took me to Portland on Jan. 18 where I visited my daughter, Nancy Cross, who is a patient at the Maine Medical Center.

The Gerald Loring called upon my mother, Elsie Bryant, at the home of Emma Poland in Bryant Pond on Jan. 18.

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SMITHS CELEBRATE 40th

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Mrs. Smith said she was surprised by the anniversary party. She came home from church on Sunday morning and found a dozen roses from her husband with a note to be at the Legion Hall by 1 p.m. She said that it was only the first or second time in her married life that her husband had given her flowers.

Over 100 friends and relatives were in attendance at the celebration, which was arranged by the Smiths three daughters-in-law, Sally Smith of Greenwood, Amy Smith of Milton, and Belle Smith of Conway, N.H. Sally Smith made and decorated the anniversary cake for the festive occasion.

The Legion auxiliary provided the refreshments. Charlie Gilliam (Coast Line Charlie) and his band provided the music.

Warren and Grace were married in West Paris Jan. 18, 1946, by Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes. Their attendants were Charles and Pauline Smith of East Bethel, brother and sister-in-law of the groom.

THIS WEEK AT THE Moses Mason House

All members and friends of the Bethel Historical Society, plus anyone else interested, are cordially invited to attend the reception honoring the publication of Eva Bean's "East Bethel Road" (second edition).

The reception will be held Thursday, Feb. 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Dr. Moses Mason House.

Following the monthly meeting, Society Director Stanley R. Howe will present a selection of slides relating to the history of East Bethel. Following this, a reception will be held with refreshments and an opportunity to have your volume autographed by Margaret Joy Tibbetts, chairman of the society's board of trustees, who wrote the foreword, and by Dr. Howe, author of the editor's preface.

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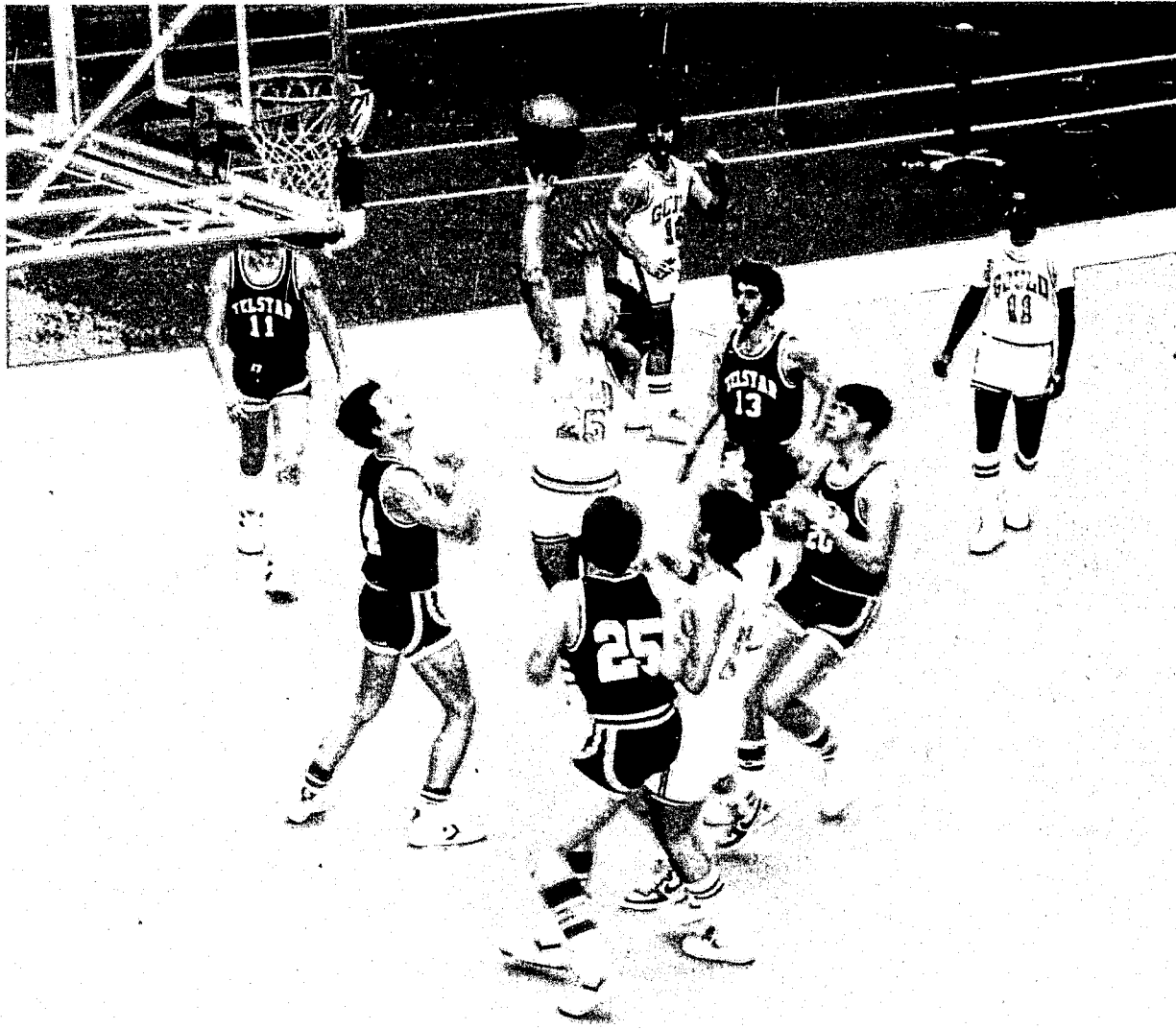
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Bethel

By LINDA CARON

Did ya' miss me last week? They say that no news is good news... in this case it's no news is bad news. Where are all you folks out there? Has everyone gone to the moon?

Gould's news... Mysteries of the week... Who at Gould has been preening his feathers after being mentioned in this column? Sorry, sir, Bethel is not the big time... Who at Gould is sporting a bruised left arm after making certain disparaging remarks about my column... and who has been extracting fur balls from Barbara Merrill's kitty cats??? By the way, you can tell winter is here by all the crutches propped up in the offices....

I heard a rumor a while ago that a certain person in the Development Office at Gould requests (nicely, of course??) his colleagues to use the Word of the Day from the daily calendar in a grammatically correct sentence. Could this be considered harrassment?

I've noticed there is a new Dodge Colt Vista cruising around town these days. If you ever need a ride up Mill Hill some cold morning, just stick out your thumb and hitch a ride. Beware, you may only get as far as Lower Main Street... Casco Bank to be exact.

And speaking of Casco, the renovations are coming along nicely. The teller windows have been lowered (saves on the arm muscles now) and there is some painting and decorating to be done, but it's going to look pretty "nifty" when completed.

The Caron household is no longer a disaster area. It's coming along pretty well and it won't be long before visitors won't have to look before stepping. And while we're on the subject of visitors, the second and third visitors to our humble abode (after Cheryl Lord) were Ruth Lord and Albert Cotton. They don't visit us often enough and it's a treat when they do. Maybe next time they'll stay long

NOTES FROM Telstar Guidance

The Telstar guidance office wishes to acknowledge senior Marsha Moxcey who recently competed and was selected as the American Legion local oratorical contest winner. Marsha will next compete at the district competition level, which is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 5, in Telstar Regional High School's lecture hall, at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Last Wednesday, Jan. 22, the Northern Oxford Vocational Area (NOVA) held its Seniors Appreciation Banquet at the American Legion Hall in Rumford. Six

enough for tea! Hint! Hint! (When we lived next door we never saw that much of them either... but we knew they were always peeking to see what Jaime was up to.)

I came into my office the other night and heard a tapping noise coming from one of my boxes and I decided it was time to let Larry out. He's been stretchin' his legs and singin' up a storm since I opened the lid. Guess he'll be ready for visitors pretty darn soon, too. I've had at least five or six people ask when my "office hours" are. I charge 50¢ for a tour... that helps me pay for the next album....

Until next time.... Because you are a kindred spirit—come and stand beside me upon this familiar hill—where the wind sweeps upward from the valley—and touches us with its cooling fragrance—

Come—And rest for awhile and watch the brown grasses gently nodding, and hear the whispered music of the oak leaves. Here upon this hill—we are close to the things eternal—you and I—close to the essential things—the things of the spirit—the unseen things—Here upon this peaceful hill—the wind sings softly in the gathering dusk. Listen—Listen and let your troubled heart sing with the wind. —Winston O. Abbott

Gould boys easy hoop winners over Telstar

Here at Bethel last Saturday a local rivalry took place as Gould Academy faced the Telstar Rebels in boys' varsity basketball action. The Gould Huskies cruised easily to a 79-53 victory.

Gould opened up the first quarter outscoring the Rebels 18-6. The Telstar squad stayed close with the inside play of Alec Newell, with 12 points, Scott Haines and Jim Fiske, who each scored 14 points.

It was in the third period, however, when Gould's press forced several turnovers resulting in lay-ups by Paul Natal, who tallied 34 points in the contest, that the winners opened up their biggest lead, 60-29. During the fourth quarter the Gould reserves came off the bench to add the finishing touches to the Rebels.

Coach Dohrmann's Huskies improved their season's record to 4 and 3.

Newry

By AMY HANSCOM

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club will hold its oyster stew supper Saturday, Feb. 1, at five o'clock. Cost is \$7. Meet at the club room for a one o'clock trail ride before supper. Guests are welcome.

Town Clerk, June Swan, now has the 1986 dog license forms. Dog licenses may be paid at the Town Office Tuesdays from noon to 8 p.m. and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An additional charge will be made for collecting on all licenses not paid before April 1.

Bethany Ridlon, Greenwood, spent Wednesday to Sunday last week with her great grandmother, Mary Tripp.

Thelma Lowery, Betsy Clark, Nancy Wight, Sylvia Wight, Beatrice Lowell, Gilberte Seeley, Eleanor Morton, and June Swan were in Rumford bowling Jan. 22. High scorer was Nancy Wight with Thelma Lowery close second. The group went to Mexico to lunch after bowling.

W. Greenwood

By CAROLYN COLBY

It has been either rainy, slippery or very cold this week and most of the people I talked with didn't go anywhere except to work. John and Nancy Wight, Newry, and Denny and Rita Wilson did get to Lewiston on Saturday.

Earl and Brian have gone to South Paris to get the truck lined up this morning.

Eight below this morning. Glad the wind isn't blowing. The TV report says nasty weather is on its way but so far the smoke from all visible chimneys is going straight up and the weather stick is pointing up. Of course it doesn't take long for signs to change.

The reprints of "The East Bethel Road" by Eva Bean have arrived at the Bethel Historical Society. The 300-page supplement has made the book even more interesting and valuable. Wish someone could write a similar history of the Irish Neighborhood. Few people are still living who remember those old houses when they were occupied.

If you feed birds in the winter, should you feed all that come or just the ones that you like was the lively discussion on the CB last evening. Some feel that if you don't feed them all—blue jays, grosbeaks, and all—you shouldn't feed any. Others dislike the bigger birds because they eat so much and keep their favorites, the chickadees, from the feeder. What do you think?

Can you believe that the Patriots made it to the Super Bowl? Even though I've been cheering them on all season, I never dreamed that they would get this far. Now if they can only win Sunday, wouldn't that be a super Super Bowl?



SURROUNDED: Gould's Sue DesGrosseilliers found herself surrounded by Rebels during last Saturday's game at Gould. The tight Rebel defense kept the Huskies away from the basket and forced them to shoot from outside. The margin of the Telstar victory was 45-23. Surrounding DesGrosseilliers are Lynn Seames (22), Traci Higgins (24) and Linda Learned. Gould's Beth Allen looks on.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE F. HOYT

Franklin Grange #124 met on Monday evening Jan. 20 for a regular meeting with a birthday party and deaf awareness program. Twenty-four were present. As it was foggy and slippery several filled in the officers' chairs. It was decided to have three people furnish refreshments each meeting instead of everyone bringing something each meeting.

The program on deafness was presented during the meeting as follows: two songs were sung by all; poem on hearing by Olive Davis; "Ways to talk so people can hear and understand" were told by several people; closing thought by Larry Billings. Next meeting will be Feb. 17 with the exchange of valentines and a debate, the topic is "Which is more important, roads or schools?"

Refreshment committee will be Joyce Hoyt, Alice Hoyt and Beatrice Farnum. After the meeting, a birthday cake and ice cream were served and a birthday poem was read.

The Baptist Church held their Annual Business Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Awana Club meets each Thursday 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Woodstock Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Town Hall for a meeting and pot luck dinner with Elden Hathaway getting the program. Each one is to bring a hot dish.

OXFORD BEAR LODGE, K.P. INSTALLS OFFICERS

With Edward Glover as G.C.; Charles Burnham as G.P.; and Harold Falkenham as G.M.A.; and Frank Worcester as G. Sec., the officers of Oxford Bear Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of Hanover, were installed at a public installation on Jan. 22.

Officers elected for the year were: C.C., Clement Worcester; V.C., Craig Turner; P., Robert Hutchins; M.W., Norman White; Sec., Frank Worcester; Treas., Claude White; Fin. Sec., Spencer Couture; M.A., Earl Hutchinson; I.G., Kenneth Wilson; O.G., Edward Glover. A pleasant social evening followed with refreshments.

salad or dessert and their own silverware. Plates and cups will be available. Beatrice Farnum has had three partridges in her apple tree this week.

Not everyone is aware that they may ride on the Western Maine Transportation bus to Lewiston for a small fee. Pick-up in Bryant Pond on Mondays at 8 a.m., arriving in Lewiston at 10 a.m., departing Lewiston about 1:30 p.m. Call 743-2535 a few days ahead for reservations, or call Ann Crockett at 665-2638 for more information. The bus to Norway on Fridays is also available.

Jason Scotte, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Scotte, and Clyde and the late Jacqueline Knights, will be seen on Channel 10 WCCB on Jan. 30 at p.m. and again on Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. As a blind skier, Jason was interviewed while skiing at Sunday River.

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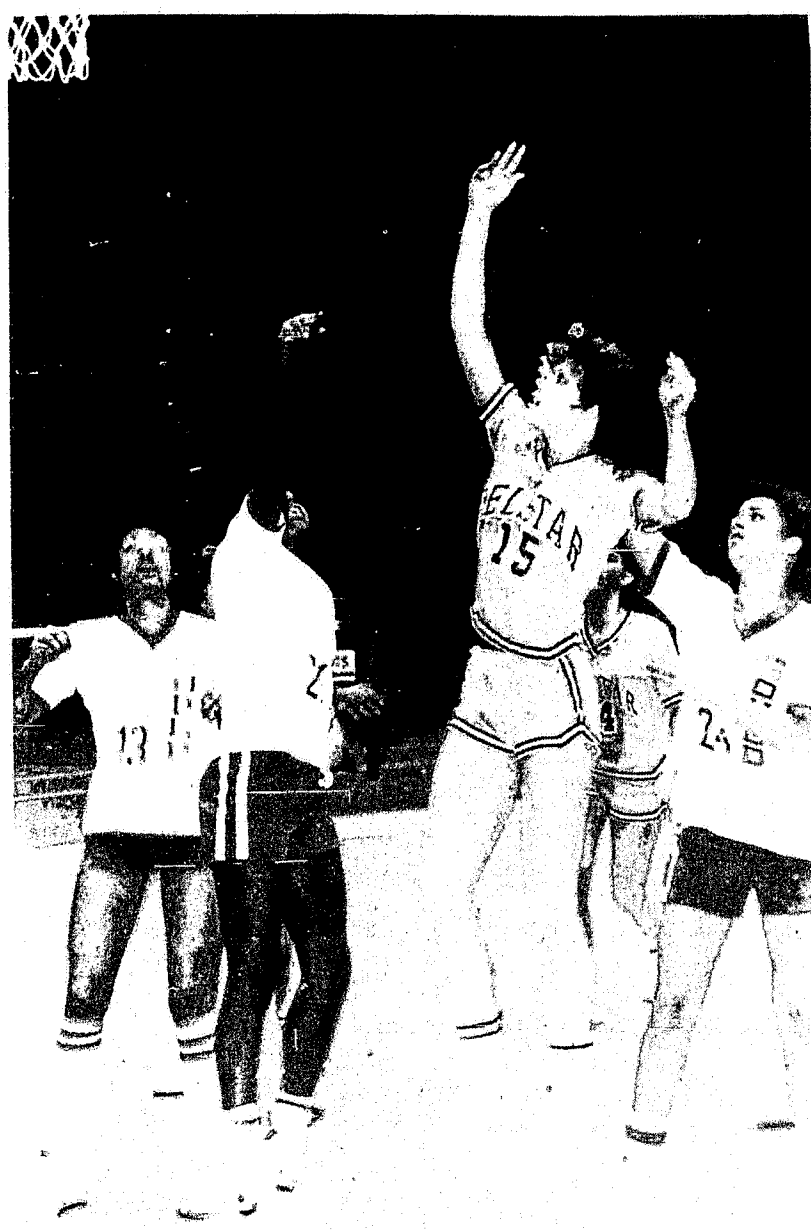
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TELSTAR'S ELLEN HASTINGS takes a shot over the outstretched hand of Gould's Barbie Robinson during last Saturday's cross-town match-up at Gould. The Rebels prevailed, 45-23. The Telstar girls see action tonight at Mt. Abram and Friday at home against Freeport. The girls were 4-10 on the season after the victory at Gould.

West Bethel

By HARRIETT STOWELL

The young people of the Pleasant Valley Bible Church formed a youth group last Friday, Jan. 17 with the following elected as officers: President, Chris Korhonen; Secretary, Mary Beth Hanon. Plans were made to cross-country ski at Sunday River at 7 p.m. on Feb. 7. Alan Cummings celebrated his 88th birthday at the home of his daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Lovejoy with about 40 family members in attendance from Portland, Oxford, West Bethel, Rumford, West Paris, Bethel and West Bethel.

Wade Luxton celebrated his seventh birthday in January by having Clint Myers spend the night with him, and a special birthday supper with his family.

There are two new members of the Luxton family as of last week: two six-week old Labrador Retrievers named MacKenzie and Yukon Kate.

Duke Boyd returned to the Maine Medical Center Saturday for more treatment, after spending several days at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams of Weston, Mass., spent the afternoon with her aunt, Olive Head.

Gould girls divide pair in basketball action

The Greater Portland girls defeated the Huskies 41-35 here at Bethel last Thursday. The game remained close until the final period when the Gould girls were held to two points. Leading Greater Portland to victory was Jennifer Allen who had a game high 14 points. Gould was plagued by foul trouble as they posted 20 fouls to Greater Portland's 10. Barbie Robertson and Sue DeGross led the Huskies with a dozen points each.

The girls returned to action this past Saturday as they faced the girls from Telstar. As the buzzer sounded the locals walked away the victors, winning easily 45-25.

In the first period the teams appeared evenly matched as the Rebels led by only three. In the second quarter they increased that lead to nine and never looked back. In the third and fourth periods the fast break of the Rebels was too much for Gould. Leading the way was Traci Higgins who led all scorers with 20 points. No Gould player attained double digits although Barbie Robertson and Heather Starets scored six and eight points respectively.

Andover

East Andover
By MARJORIE JODREY

Mrs. Francis Humphrey and Melissa of Manchester, N.H., and Mrs. Henry Messier, Kristi, Kathleen, Michael, Kaitlyn and Joshua, of Canterbury, N.H., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Rex Thurston, Danny, Jon and Kurt.

Master Glen Palmer, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Palmer, spent a few days last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Palmer. Nathan Palmer, second son of the Palmers spent the rest of the week with his grandparents, also.

Mrs. Mary Thurston left Wednesday to spend a few days in Arundel visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Thurston, and family.

The Andover Senior Citizens group met at the town hall on Thursday Jan. 23, with 12 members present. A potluck luncheon was enjoyed and games played. Next meeting will be Feb. 20, weather permitting. Present were: Anne Fox, Flora Whitten, Gertrude Whitten, Gertrude Hutchins, Florence Hall, Marguerite Emerson, Catherine McGuire, Dora Morton, Dot Elliott, Laura Dolloff, Charlotte Sennett, Phyllis and Holman Farrar.

Greeter at the First Congregational Church on Sunday, Jan. 19 was William Crocker. The sermon topic was "From Discovery to Decision." Mrs. Dolly Jones passed out the Ladies Aid Society programs for 1986. Meetings will be held every other Tuesday starting Feb. 4 at 10 a.m. Greeters on Family Sunday: Kathy Williamson and son.

Elderwood Manor items: The January thaw brought out a pansy bud beside the walk to Fannie Hall's apartment.

Ann Fox, Gertrude Hutchins, Catherine McGuire, Dot Elliott and Florence Hall attended the Senior Citizens meeting on Jan. 23.

Mrs. Georgie Fraser is home from the hospital.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sennett has gone for more eye surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston.

Mrs. Louise Powell visited her mother, Mrs. Alma Hewey, on Wednesday.

Mrs. Ann Fox visited with Thelma Clark at the "Creative Health Center" in Norway on Thursday.

Calvary Congregational Church Rev. Donald Grover's message last Sunday "Herod Vexes the Church" from Acts 12:1-25. Meditation, Isaiah 49:23, "They shall not be ashamed that wait for me." Music which was taped, the quartet from New Brunswick Bible Institute, was enjoyed. Missionary moments, a letter from Hal and Linda Stone, Liberia, Africa with pictures of this area shown.

A Sunday School contest started Jan. 19 with a funny skit, put on by four clowns, Becky Simmons, Judy Bailey, Yvette Jones and Linda Salway. This contest will last for five weeks. We want to bring back people who haven't been coming, and all ages are most welcome.

Feb. 9, Gilbert and Mark Keed, missionaries on furlough from the Philippines. Dinner at noon.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and relatives for making our 40th wedding anniversary such a memorable occasion, and thanks for the lovely flowers, cards and gifts. A special thank you to our sons and their wives. God bless.

Grace and Warren Smith



THE FOUR CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PUPILS, Sara Wight, Nathan Harvey, Sarah Coolidge and Joel Riley, display certificates awarded them as "Young Scientists of the Month" for their special contributions and outstanding performance during the month of January. Classroom teachers also presented each pupil with a small science prize.

COUNTY ORATORICAL FINALS AT TELSTAR, FEB. 5

The Oxford County finals of the American Legion Oratorical Contest will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the lecture hall at Telstar Regional High School. Everybody welcome.

UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CONFERENCE RE-SCHEDULED

The Unemployed Workers Conference originally planned for Tuesday, Jan. 28, has been re-scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1 p.m., at the VFW Hall, Rumford.

ALBANY 4-H CLUB

The second meeting of the Albany 4-H Club was held on Jan. 22 at the Albany Town Hall. The following people were nominated and elected into office: President, Lorie Howard; Vice President, Heidi Westleigh; Secretary, Billie Jo Robinson; Treasurer, Jaime Lapham; Refreshment Committee, Merideth White; and Recreation Committee, Phoebe Hausman-Rogers.

The meeting was called to order by President Lorie Howard. Roll call with 19 members, two leaders and two visitors present. Flag salute and club pledge were said. Secretary and treasurer's report read and approved. Leader handed out fund raising project (indoor-outdoor thermometers). Meeting adjourned so members could work on Valentine projects. Refreshments served; next meeting refreshment committee, Cathy Adams. The next meeting will be on Feb. 5th at the Town Hall.

— Leader, Roberta White

CARD OF THANKS

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THE GOULD ACADEMY BASKETBALL TEAM is composed of, back row, left to right, Kurt Crandall, Bill Park, Chris Drouin, Mike Bunker, Collin O'Neil, Alex Nevens; front row, Dick Dohrmann (coach), Jim Simbe, Paul Natal, Pete Bizler, Matt Cyr, and Spencer Ordway.

East Stoneham

By GLADYS KILGORE

Mrs. Helen Grover had the Diaconates at her home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tripp spent the weekend at their camp at Wilson's Mills.

Wayne Stearns and family of Naples spent Sunday at their log cabin here and all went fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddot of Kennebunk visited Mrs. Grace Nelson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brown who have been visiting their daughter in No. Dakota are now back again with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Grover.

Mrs. Gladys Plummer went with the Mallettes one day last week for dinner and shopping.

We are all glad to hear good reports from Read Grover, who had a bad heart attack and is now in the hospital for a few days.

Minnehaha Temple #53 Pythian Sisters joined with Lake Temple #45 in Norway for their Installation of Officers. The joint installation with Penneeseewassee Lodge K. of P. was preceded by a six o'clock supper.

The Knights were installed by P.G.C. Edward Glover, assisted by Harold Falkenham as M. at A., Charles Burnham as Prelate and Clayton Davis as Secretary. The Sisters were installed by P.G.C. Evelyn Bean, assisted by P.G.C. Catherine Robinson as G.S. and G.M. Marjorie Messenger as G. Man.

P.G.C. Violet Doughy presided as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Sisters' Installation.

The officers of Minnehaha Temple installed were: Pianist, Elizabeth Stearns;



Ethel Bisbee Elementary School pupils Ryan Seames and Eliza Kinney are proud to display their "Young Scientist of the Month" certificates for their special contributions and outstanding performances during the month of January. Each pupil was awarded a certificate and given a small science prize by their teacher.

M.E.C., Betty Morrison; E.S., Eloise Vail; E. Jr., Phyllis Millett; Man., Arlene Merrill; Sec., Minerva Dudley; Treas., Frances Adams; Pro., Margaret Jones.

The Guard, Dora Lawrence was unable to attend and will be installed later.

The outgoing M.E.C. Betty Morrison was presented her Past Chief's pin and certificate and gifts were presented to the Installing Staff. Dorothy Canwell of Hamlin Temple was musician for the ceremony.

COMMERCIAL FORESTRY EXCISE TAX LAW NOW IN EFFECT

On Nov. 25, 1985 Governor Brennan signed into law the "Commercial Forestry Excise Tax." It is contained within Chapter 367 of Title 36 of the Maine Statutes. This Chapter replaced the Forest Fire Suppression Tax which on appeal to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court was affirmed to be unconstitutional on Oct. 16, 1985.

Owners of more than 500 acres of forest land in Maine on April 1, 1985 are required to file a return with the State Tax Assessor before March 1, 1986. Subsequently, the State Tax Assessor will levy a tax for Fiscal Year 1986. The rate will be determined by dividing \$9,827,150 by the statewide total number of taxable commercial acres of forest land. Each landowner is entitled to a 500 acre exemption. This tax will be due on May 1, 1986. Returns have been mailed to many landowners and are available from the Bureau of Taxation on request.

The Law Court's finding with regard to the former Forest Fire Suppression Tax also resulted in refund entitlements to landowners who paid this tax for 1983 and for 1984. These refunds are intended to be paid by May 1, 1986 with interest. In the case of Forest Fire Suppression taxpayers who are also subject to Chapter 367, the refund will be applied (as best the Bureau of Taxation can) as a credit against the Commercial Forestry Excise Tax due on May 1, 1986.

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In Wednesday night's training, members practiced using a variety of equipment from the ambulances. The crew simulated a heart attack in the woods and a skiing accident and practiced treating both situations. They practiced the MAST anti-shock suit with a traction splint.

The annual meeting is planned for Feb. 11 at the Legion Hall in West Paris. New officers will be elected at that time.

Safety Tip of the Week

Many flus and types of colds are circulating now. Strep throat, a viral infection requiring medication for treatment, is going around the Bethel area. It might be a time to be extra cautious with daily habits.

The extra time spent washing your hands often is very helpful to reduce the transmission of many of these airborne bacteria. A cold is often passed around with sneezing and other nasal secretions. A community handkerchief is an excellent way to have a community cold. Discarded tissues may also hold the

germs quite a length of time and should be thrown away by the person using the tissues.

Another susceptible site is the eyes. A person shouldn't rub their eyes just after blowing their nose. They can reinfect themselves with their own cold or any other variety of colds in the household.

As for treatment, the old adage still holds. If you treat a cold it will take one week. Remember it is a time to rest your body. Other complications could result if needed rest and increased body fluids aren't given, one being pneumonia which often requires hospitalization.

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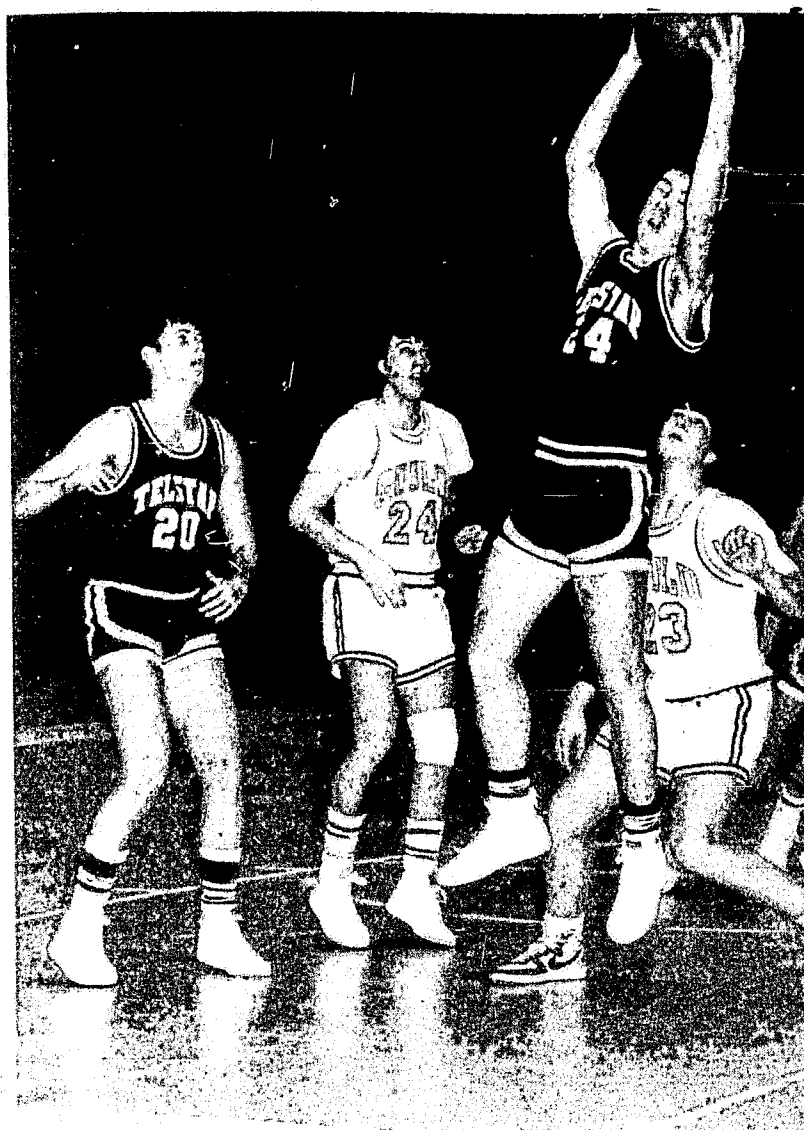
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TELSTAR'S JIM MERRILL SNARES A REBOUND during last Saturday's game at Gould. Teammate Jim Fiske looks on, while Gould's Alex Nevens and Kurt Crandall are out of the play. The Huskies' good shooting and aggressive defense gave them a 79-53 victory, bringing their record to 4-3.

Upton

By ARLINE BERNIER

A cartoon pictured several businessmen seated at a conference table while the president stood at the head. The caption—"I see some are not taking this seriously", and the eye was drawn to one blowing soap bubbles.

The Forestry Service has had requests from prospective buyers and gave the town a final chance to buy their property here. Forty-six voters convened to vote on this issue at the schoolhouse Wednesday. After electing Steve Wight moderator and getting a full view of the emptiness of the ballot box it was moved and seconded to purchase the building and lot. This was followed by a long discussion, explanations, a myriad of soap bubbles, during which Steve rapped the ballot box so hard several times that anything less sturdy might have been exposed to view from all sides. En fin! Ballots were cast and the town voted 30-16 to buy the Forestry Service house and lot. The third article was to transfer monies for his transaction.

The town clerk has received the dog tags after an extended wait. All these years I've been mispronouncing Uranus, at least according to the radio reporters. It sounds better the other

way with the accent on the second syllable.

Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz of Dover, Mass., were guests at Heritage Farm Saturday. Betts brought a large bag full of string saved from the discard pile by herself and fellow postal employees. We tie and ball these, ready for the peas and beans to climb on for easier access. Roland and I will string along together these winter evenings until we get strung out.

We visited the hydro project alongside the Errol Dam one day last week and were given an escorted tour by Andre and Joe Bernier. After mulling this much over, we both would like to go back and see more of it.

Laurie Bergeron and Penny Bernier visited the project during Penny's visit here. Penny and children returned home to Lovell Friday.

We lost much of our snow cover, suffered rain and nature's freezer went on the blink. I had to use up food or pack it in icicles and salt.

West Paris

By MIRIAM INMAN

In thanking contributors to Operation Santa, I neglected to include those who donated items other than money. So, a belated thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Church was held Wednesday night, Jan. 22. The following officers were elected: Moderator, Milton Inman; Clerk, Mary Gillies; Treasurer, Martha Day; Trustee for three-year term, Gordon Gillies. Reports of various organizations were read. The Board of Directors met immediately following and elected members to the service committees. Refreshments of pie and coffee were served.

The West Paris Firemen's Auxiliary will have their annual meeting Feb. 3 and will go to an area restaurant prior to their meeting.

Magalloway

By ALICE HARVEY

Linda Stanley has returned to her home in Ohio after spending five weeks with her parents, Phil and Carlene Hinkley.

On Monday, Carlene Hinkley was discharged from the Maine Medical Center where she underwent tests for a week.

The Wilson's Mills schoolchildren had their second ski lesson on Tuesday at the Wilderness Ski Area.

Donna Glover and Alice Harvey were in Berlin on business Tuesday afternoon.

The Ladies met at the hall on Tuesday with a good attendance.

Several families were in Rangeley for the surplus food distribution.

We are back to winter after several beautiful days of January thaw.

No. East Lovell

By PAULINE SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Whitley and son called at Bill and Dottie Force's this week.

A surprise birthday party was given Gladys Kilgore Saturday, Jan. 18. Many friends and neighbors attended. Many good wishes were said or sent to her, most of all, good health.

Rose Mary Smith, Josh, spent the day Saturday with her folks. Also Linda Allen and son called.

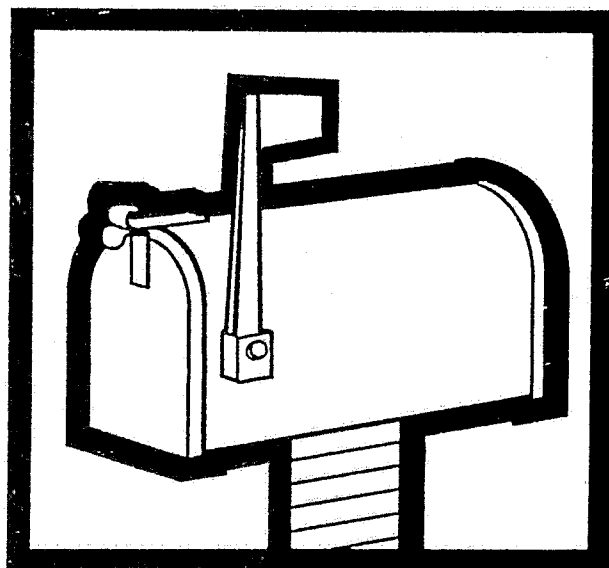
Was the warm weather welcomed!! Ed and Beverly Josephine were here for the weekend.

Bill and Dottie Force were in Portland Tuesday.

Beverly Bassett and daughter, Marlin, visited Aunt Bernice Carver in an Auburn nursing home; 98 years young.

Troy Fox, Larry Fox's son, spent the weekend with Larry Fox and Bonnie.

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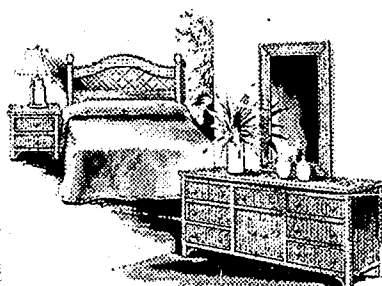
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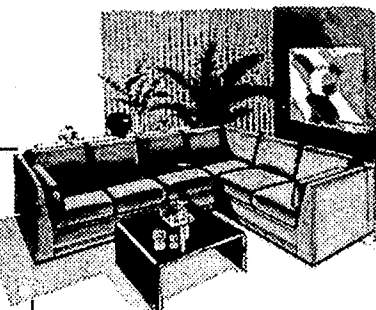
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The Home Front

By Bob Crane

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Notes from the Woodstock Historical Society

Here is a theory of 19th century writer George Eliot on the subject matter for writing —

"Let us always have men ever ready to give the loving pains of a life to the faithful representing of commonplace things—men who see beauty in these commonplace things, and delight in showing how kindly the light of heaven falls on them. There are few prophets in the world; few sublimely beautiful women; few heroes. I can't afford to give all my love and reverence to such rarities: I want a great deal of those feelings for my everyday fellow-men... It is more needful that I should have a fibre of sympathy connecting me with the vulgar citizen who weighs out my sugar... than with the handsomest rascal in red scarf and green feathers... I find a source of delicious sympathy in the faithful pictures of a monotonous homely existence."

This passage by Mary Ann Evans (pen name: George Eliot) marked the beginning of realism in the modern world—up until her time, authors had chosen the extraordinary, usually in the form of the upper classes, to write about. In the novel this passage is taken from, *Adam Bede*, George Eliot writes about the average farm people in rural England. She makes their commonplace surroundings and homely persons seem lovely with deft strokes of her pen. From then until now, as a result, authors have tended to write about things familiar to them rather than the unusual or exceptional. Some say, as a result, we no longer have great heroes and heroines in fiction as we did in Shakespeare's or the Romantics' day. Be that as it may, this is the course literature seems to have taken as a result of the influence of writers like George Eliot and Charles Dickens, Thackeray and Hardy.

We note the many articles in the paper announcing programs for various historical societies in the area—Locke Mills, Bethel, West Paris, South Paris, Norway, to mention a few. It is encouraging to see so many groups active in this field, all seeking to preserve the history of their locality. May they all learn and benefit from each other's activities. The Woodstock Historical Society has had many programs presented by members of other societies and has benefited from the exchange.

DR. HOWE TO SPEAK AT JOINT REPUBLICAN CAUCUS IN MEXICO FEB. 4

Dr. Stanley Howe of Bethel will be the principal speaker at the joint Republican caucus that will be held in Mexico at the Green Church on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. The caucus will consist of the towns of Andover, Roxbury, Byron, Rumford, Mexico, Dixfield, Peru and Hanover. The caucus will be preceded by a pot luck supper.

Dr. Howe has a Ph.D. in Canadian History from the University of Maine at Orono. He currently is the Director of the Bethel Historical Society, Inc. / Dr. Moses Mason Museum. Civic activities include: President, Board of Trustees, Bethel Library Association; President, Oxford County League of Historical Societies; S.A.D. #44 Board of Directors, currently serving as vice chairman. Dr. Howe is a former chairman of the Board of Selectmen/Assessors for the town of Bethel.

He was awarded the Bethel Chamber of Commerce Community Service award in 1982, also in 1982 he received the Gould Academy Alumnus of the Year award. Dr. Howe has lectured extensively at the university level. His topic on Feb. 4 will be the history of the Republican Party.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey L. Haworth

HAWORTH - BUCK

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buck of Bethel are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Debra, to Jeffrey L. Haworth in a candlelit ceremony at the United Methodist Church of Edwardsville, Kans. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haworth of Kansas City, Kans.

The bride was attended by a matron of honor, her sister, Mrs. Linda Clin of Greene, Maine, and a flower girl, the bride's niece, Grace Buck, daughter of John and Debi Buck of Bethel. The groom's best man was his grandfather, Leonard Lutz of Kansas City, Kans., and Bruce Womer, friend of groom, served as usher and candlelighter.

The bride wore a full-length, off-the-

shoulder gown of white chameuse with lace elbow length sleeves, a waist-length veil decorated with seed pearls and carried a bouquet of white silk roses. The matron of honor and flower girl wore dresses of red chailis and red velvet respectively, and carried red roses, and rose petals. The groom, best man, usher, and fathers of the bride and groom were attired in black tuxedos with red bow ties, and cummerbunds.

The bride, a graduate of the University of Maine at Orono, is completing a tour of service with the U.S. Army at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. The groom is a student at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans. The couple plans to continue their education at Kansas Law and Graduate Schools in Lawrence.

WEST BETHEL Children's Center

The Head Start children had a short but busy week. The activities centered around the theme of winter animals, including construction paper animals, converting the Christmas tree into a bird feeder and drawing snowmonkeys. Jim Chandler, Head Start parent, came in to do a special activity with the children. He talked about looking for animal tracks in the snow and how to identify them. The children made animal track prints with wood cuts and paint. Thanks, Jim!

Last week's "Star" was birthday girl Emily Sue Morton, who turned five on Friday.

Applications are now being taken for the '86-'87 Head Start year. Also there are still several day care openings. Call the Center for more information, 836-3700.

Thank you to volunteers and drivers, Lillian Brooks, Kathy Sweetser, Donna DiBenedetto, Jim Chandler, Debbie Perry and her sister, Crystal, Jane Chandler, and Nancy Howe.

Special thank you goes to Gladys Nadler for the much welcomed hand knitted hat and scarf sets.

Tuesday: Breakfast—Milk, cheese toast, pear slices, mixed nuts; Lunch—

Monday: Breakfast—Milk, cold cereal, orange juice, raisin bread; Lunch—Milk, peanut butter and jelly on whole wheat bread, carrot and celery sticks with cheese dip, apple slices.

Menu for Week of Feb. 3:

Monday: Breakfast—Milk, cold cereal, orange juice, raisin bread; Lunch—Milk, peanut butter and jelly on whole wheat bread, carrot and celery sticks with cheese dip, apple slices.

Tuesday: Breakfast—Milk, cheese toast, pear slices, mixed nuts; Lunch—

PURITY CHAPTER TO MEET

Purity Chapter #102, OES, will hold a regular stated meeting with Guest Officers at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 5. A 6:30 potluck supper will precede meeting. Please remember to bring your Heart Fund calendar money and homemade Valentines to exchange. If you are not solicited, bring a hot dish or salad to share.

Milk, fish chowder, broccoli, crackers, orange sections.

Wednesday: Breakfast—Milk, whole wheat pancakes, apple sauce, peanuts in shell; Lunch—Milk, tacos, refried beans, hamburger, steamed corn, grapes.

Thursday: Breakfast—Milk, cinnamon toast, cheese chunks, pineapple; Lunch—Milk, stir fry veggies with chicken, rice, winter squash, strawberries.

Friday: Breakfast—Milk, cold cereal, bananas, orange-pineapple juice; Lunch—Milk, egg salad on whole wheat bread, tomato slices, steamed carrots, fruit salad.

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Evergreen Valley sale expected by Monday

Despite failing to sign an agreement for the sale of Evergreen Valley last week, Finance Authority of Maine officials were optimistic that an agreement was near at hand.

"We're almost to the point where we can sign a purchase and sale agreement," said loan officer Dave McLaughlin, who last week had predicted a signed agreement by the end of that week. "No later than (next) Monday," he predicted yesterday.

The troubled East Stoneham ski area and summer resort has gone through a number of potential owners in recent years and is currently owned by FAME, which purchased it at a bankruptcy sale to protect its loan exposure in the property.

The prospective buyer FAME is negotiating with is Oxford businessman Bob Bahre, Mr. McLaughlin said, the owner of Oxford Plains Speedway.

ABUSE COUNCIL HOLDING PUBLIC MEETING IN RUMFORD THURSDAY, JAN. 30

The Oxford County Child Abuse and Neglect and Prevention Council will begin regular meetings in the Rumford area Thursday, Jan. 30, announced Lorna Pendleton, Coordinator for the Council.

Founded in 1983, the Council provides information and supports activities to increase public awareness of child abuse and neglect prevention issues. At the Jan. 30 meeting, which is open to the public, there will be a 27 minute film titled, "CHILD ABUSE: It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Kid," featuring Ricky Schroder and John Houseman.

The film presentation and discussion following is the first in a series of public programs designed to better serve the Greater Rumford community. The meeting at the Rumford Public Library at 11:30 will also discuss plans for future meetings and the need for child abuse and neglect prevention activities in the Rumford area.

The responsibility to report suspected child abuse is no longer optional; it is mandatory for educators and school personnel, for physicians, nurses, law enforcement and probation officers, social service employees and day care providers... in fact all who come in contact with children in the course of their professional lives.

The film, produced by the California Attorney General's office in cooperation with the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, defines child abuse and teaches how to recognize it. It explains how to report suspected abuse and what will happen after the report is made.

Those attending the Jan. 30 meeting are urged to bring a brown bag lunch and stay for the discussion. For further information call Lorna Pendleton, Oxford County Community Services, 743-7716.

SENIOR CITIZEN MENUS

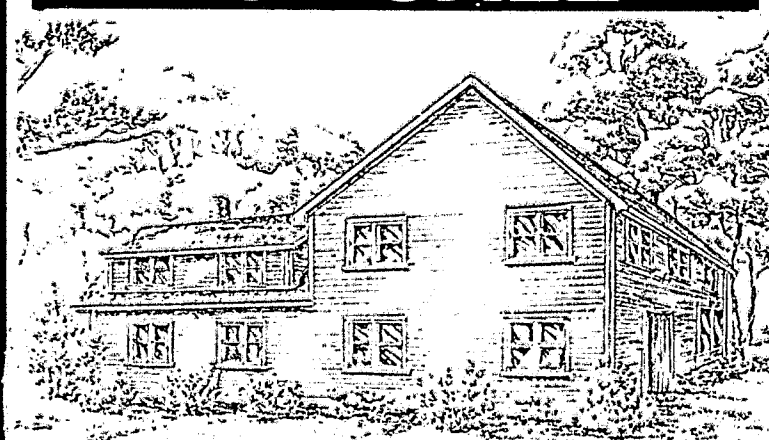
Monday, Feb. 3: Hearty fish chowder, spinach, cheese wedge, crackers, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, bread, apple crisp.

Thursday, Feb. 6: Veal parmesan with fettuccini, garden salad, garlic salad, vanilla pudding with fruit.

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9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
UMW—first Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m.
Anyone needing prayers of church members or knowing of someone in need please call Mrs. Burton Abbott, Mrs. Wallace Saunders or Mrs. Randall Stevens.

West Parish Congregational United Church of Christ
Church St., Bethel
Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass
Co-Pastors
Miss Mary Valentine, Minister of Music

Sunday:
Sunday School, 9 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Nursery care provided.
Wednesday: Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Pilgrim Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.; Choir, 6:30 p.m.
Clothing Depot: Call 824-2653 or 824-2193 for assistance.

Bethel Gospel Center of Christian & Missionary Alliance
Rte. 26, Bethel
D.N. Larson, Pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School, 9 a.m. (3 year olds through adults).
Babysitting for all children under 5 years during Church.
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene
Church Street
Rev. R. Elwood Negley
Tel. 824-2505

Sunday:
Sunday School (for all ages including adults), 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.
For information or transportation to any service call 836-3936.

Unitarian-Universalist Church
Bryant Pond
Services first Sunday of every month. For complete list of guest speakers write to Emily Eckert, Clerk, Universalist Church, Bryant Pond, Maine.

Christian Science Services
In all Christian Science Churches, the Lesson-Sermon read from the desk is the same. The public is cordially invited to attend.
Sunday, Feb. 2: Subject—Love. Golden Text—I John 4:7: Beloved, let us love one another; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
First Church of Christ, Scientist
Corner of Main and Tenth Streets Berlin, N.H. holds Sunday morning services at 11 a.m. and Sunday School the same hour for pupils up to the age of 20 years. The Wednesday evening meeting is at 7:45, including testimonies of healing.

Christian Science Society, Norway
9 Stevens St., off Alpine St.
Sunday: Services and Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service, 7:30 p.m. includes testimonies of healing.

Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church
Rte. 26, Bethel
Rev. Donald R. Proulx
Saturday, 4:30 Antiphonal Mass

St. Catherine of Siena
29 Paris St., Norway
Rev. Donald Proulx
Antiphonal Mass, Saturday, 7 p.m.
Sunday Masses, 9 and 11:15 a.m.

West Bethel Union Church
Rev. Norman Rust, Minister
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Parish Day Wednesday
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Mrs. Rodney Kimball, Custodian

Morning worship and Church School, 9:15 a.m.
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Locke Mills Union Church

Silver Leaman, Interim Pastor
Margaret Ring & Arnold Jordan
Co-Head Trustees

Mrs. Richard Melville
Organist and Choir Director
Bruce Swan
Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., Worship.
10:30 a.m. Sunday School (October-May).
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., TOPS.
Second Wednesdays, Trustees, 7:30 p.m.
Third Wednesdays, Ladies' Circle 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Choir practice at the home of Beverly Melville.

Pleasant Valley Bible Church
Flat Road, West Bethel
Rev. Larry Breenham, Pastor
Tel. 824-2628

Sunday:
Sunday School, 9 a.m. Ages 3 to adult.
Morning worship, 10 a.m. Babysitting for children through age 5.
Wednesday:
Choir practice, 6 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Those needing information or rides to church activities, please call Maureen at 824-2949.

Newry Community Church
Newry, Maine
Rodney Hanscom, Pastor
Nancy Hanscom, Organist
Sunday Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m. with special service for children.

Bryant Pond Baptist Church
Linwood Hanson, Pastor

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. Sunday School.
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
6:00 p.m. Evening Service.
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thursday Awaana Clubs: K-Gr. 2, 2:30-4:00; Gr. 3-12, 6:00-8:00.

First Congregational Church
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Andover

Rev. E. Marriotte Churchill
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Choir Director, Ann Bishop
Sunday School Superintendents
Margaret Richardson and Sonja Flanders

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School.
Ladies Aid—Every other Tuesday at noon, C.E.B.

Friday: Adult choir practice, 7 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church
Route 5, Andover, Maine
Donald Grover, Pastor
Mrs. Edna White, Pianist
Helen Grover, Choir Director
Marjorie Stinson
Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday:
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service, 7 p.m.
Wednesday:
Prayer and Praise, 7:30 at the church.
Choir Rehearsal, 6:30.

Rumford Area Bible Speaks
Pastor Bob Colby
Route 232, Rumford Corner
369-9373

Sunday:
10 a.m. Sunday School.
10 a.m. Worship Service.
6 p.m. Evening Service.
Tuesday: 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study at Pastor Knight's home.

Wednesday: 6 p.m. Fellowship supper at the church.
Friday: 7 p.m. Video Bible Institute classes at church.

Bolster's Mills
United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Church School, 10:00 a.m.

South Waterford
United Methodist Church
David W. Helms, Pastor
Family Worship, 9:30 a.m.

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH
Rev. Nancy Taylor
East Stoneham
Congregational Church
9:00 a.m. Worship Service

North Waterford
Congregational Church
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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1984 AMC Eagle Wagon, 4x4, 21,000 mi., 1 owner. Mini \$8,195

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1982 Ford EXP factory roof, 37,000 mi. \$3,795

1982 Nissan Maxima wagon, every option, 58,000 mi. \$5,295

1981 Subaru DL hatchback, 35,000 mi. \$3,295

1981 Mercury Cougar, 4 dr., 6, auto., P/S, 42,000 mi. \$3,395

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ALANON. Wednesday, 8 p.m., Telstar Regional High School. 281f

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MSAD #44 BOARD WILL MEET AT ANDOVER SCHOOL FEB. 3

The SAD #44 Board of Directors is to meet in regular session at the Andover Elementary School on Monday evening, Feb. 3, at 7:30. (The meeting was originally scheduled for Jan. 27; travel conditions necessitated its postponement.)

Agenda items will include: indefinite postponement of executive session concerning a student discipline matter; employment termination of two district employees; appointment of part-time registered occupational therapist, and special educational aides; resignation of certified staff member effective at close of current school year; cheering coach appointment (Woodstock); cheering coach resignation (Andover); request for unpaid leave of absence by certified staff member until end of current school year; tuition agreements with the Town of Up-ton and the Town of Gilead, both for the period of July 1, 1986 through June 30, 1989; purchase of title insurance for Woodstock school building project; executive session for truancy matter.

Community Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 30: 7 p.m., at the Woodstock Town Office. Discussion about Woodstock in the year 2000, sponsored by the Woodstock Conservation Commission. All are welcome.

Saturday, Feb. 1: Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club, oyster stew supper 5 p.m. at the club house, Newry. Meet at club house, 1 p.m. for trail ride.

Sunday, Feb. 2: Snowmobile Rally, sponsored by Greenstock Snowsports, Inc., 8 a.m. registration. Parking corner, Route 252 and Rumford Ave., Bryant Pond. George Hayes, chairman, 875-5085.

Monday, Feb. 3: Bethel Board of Selectmen Town Office, 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 3: SAD #44 Board of Directors, Andover Elementary School, 7:30 p.m. (Postponed from Jan. 27.)

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Bethel Rotary Club, Sudbury Inn, 12 noon.

Monday, Feb. 10: SAD #44 Board of Directors, Telstar Regional High School, 7:30 p.m.

REACH—Sexual Abuse Helpline, 743-9777. Serving victims of sexual abuse—past or present. 24 hour service in Oxford County.

BIRTHLINE—1-800-492-0109. Free and confidential health is available. Free pregnancy testing. Sponsored by Diocesan Human Relations Services, Inc.

First Sunday of Each Month: Greenstock Snowsports, Inc. (Greenwood-Woodstock Snowmobile Club) meets at the Woodstock Fire Station, Bryant Pond, at 9 a.m. Trail rides after meetings, weather permitting. Bring a lunch for on the trail. New members always welcome. Gayle Russell, secretary, 665-2097.

Second Saturday of Each Month: Woodstock Historical Society, 7 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

First Thursday of Each Month: Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday of Each Month: Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

Third Friday of Each Month: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Cancer Support Group for patients, family or friends who are coping with a diagnosis of cancer. **Second Tuesday**—2-3 p.m.; and **Fourth Tuesday**—7-8:30 p.m. in the Health Education Department at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Martha Farrington, R.N., facilitator—743-5933, ext. 489.

First Tuesday of each month: 7 p.m., in the Health Education Dept., at Stephens Memorial Hospital. "I Choose Not to Smoke" support group for smokers who have or want to stop smoking. Martha Farrington, R.N., facilitator—743-5933, ext. 489.

Second and fourth Tuesday of Each Month: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, social hour 6:30 p.m.

Ginger Kelly, of Maine State Realty, in Bethel, is the volunteer coordinator for the Community Calendar and will accept items to be listed by mail, phone (824-3141), or in person (office in Main Street, Bethel opposite the Bethel House).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Title 28 M.R.S.A. 252—a notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, Feb. 3, 1986, 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bethel Town Office to consider a renewal Class 1 liquor license application from Gloria Lewis and Lauretta Varo d/b/a The Only Place, Route Two, Bethel, Maine.

Merton T. Brown Jr. Town Clerk

NOTICE

Please take notice that Dale R. Davis of Star Route Box 270, Bethel, Maine 04217 is filing for a Hydro-power Project Permit with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the provisions of Title 38, M.R.S.A., Sections 630-636 and P.L. 92-500 to: Install a new 60kw capacity microhydro facility consisting of an existing 14' high 100' long concrete, earth, and log dam, an existing impoundment with a surface area to 10 acres @ 1020msl, a new concrete inlet structure, a new 12" diameter pvc penstock 3700' long, a new concrete and wood powerhouse containing one generating unit with a capacity of 60kw, a new underground transmission line 4000' long in and adjacent to: Gardner Brook, and impoundment located in the Town(s) of: Andover.

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department's Office in Augusta and at the municipal office(s) indicated above on: Feb. 7, 1986.

Written comments from an interested person must be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection within 14 days of filing of the application to receive consideration.

Request for a public hearing must also be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection within 14 days of the filing of the application.

All correspondence should be sent to: Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land Quality Control, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333 (207-289-2111 or 1-800-452-1942).

Rebels lose to OHHS in slalom at Mt. Abram

An understaffed Telstar alpine ski team bowed to Oxford Hills High School in a slalom race at Mt. Abram Ski Slopes Jan. 14. The girls lost, 13-24, while the boys went down, 11-31.

Top finisher for the girls was Sue Fraser, coming in third overall, with a time of 60.70. Michelle Cummings was fifth overall, in 71.85. There were no other Telstar finishers.

Todd Davis led Rebel finishers in the boys' meet with a fourth place, in a fast time of 48.83, just two seconds off the winning time. Rodney White was sixth, in 54.64; Bill Wight was 10th, in 57.26; Jim Cobb was 11th, in 58.85; Gerald Nessman was 12th, in 59.23; Jeff Lyon was 14th, in 59.75, and Jay Hastings was 21st, in 86.98.

Big plans for 'Bethel Days' Feb. 9-10

The Bethel Committee for Western Mountains Winter Wonderland Week wants to remind all area residents of plans for Feb. 9 and 10th.

Sunday, Feb. 9, will begin with a leisurely ski tour on the Bethel Inn's touring trails at 9 a.m. Immediately afterward will be a 3 kilometer citizen race at 10 a.m. Prizes will be awarded by the Bethel Inn.

The highlight of the day will be three dog sled races on the Bethel Inn's golf course, starting at 11:30 a.m. Twenty to twenty-five dog sled teams will be here to race for the \$650 worth of prize money donated by area businesses. A three dog, six dog, and open division race are planned for an entertaining afternoon. The race course is planned so that spectators will be able to watch a good part of the races, before they go into the woods.

Immediately following the race, the women of the West Parish Congregational Church are planning a chicken pie supper: 4:30 and 5:30 seatings will be available and the cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12—a full dinner with a great dessert is being planned! A hymn sing will follow at 6:30. All proceeds will benefit the building fund of the church.

Ice skating at the Bethel Inn rink is available to the community under the lights—rentals are available in the Inn for those not having skates.

Monday, Feb. 10, there will be sleigh riding on a course at the Bethel Inn golf course all day. Ice skating also available. The day will be rounded out by a contra-dance, with the old fashioned fiddler music, held at the Lions Den on Main Street, across from the Casco Bank. Please come and join in the fun—the dances will be taught as you go—so you don't have to feel shy!

Rotary Club notes

The Bethel Rotary Club met for a luncheon meeting at the Sudbury Inn on Tuesday of this week.

The meeting was presided over by President Lennie Shaw. The invocation was made by the winter term chaplain, Roger Conant, and the introduction of guests was made by John MacMunn. The visiting Rotarians and guests joining with the group were: Dave Everett, Oxford Hills; Bryce and Barbara Yates, Bethel; Bunny MacMunn, guests of John MacMunn; Bob Lowell, guest of George Noll; Ralph Hawkins, guest of Fred Burk; Roy Willis, Lewiston/Auburn, and Bob Chadbourne, Bethel.

President Lennie announced that the board of directors will meet at his office at 7 a.m. on Feb. 4. The meeting of the membership which follows at noon will be a club assembly. He also gave a report on the clothing drive, and reminded of the Oxford Hills dinner which will honor Chris Haskell as a Paul Harris Fellow. This is a ladies' night, Valentine's Day dinner.

The program chairman was Romeo Baker and his program consisted of a slide show on the Alaskan vacation that he and Jo completed in the summer of 1985. With Romeo's gift of gab the commentary was as enjoyable as the magnificent color slides. His slide show started in the area of Yellowstone and continued through Alaska. It was a great way to make a fast tour. Thanks, Romeo.

Rotary information was given by Ray Harrington. His subject matter was the formation of Rotary from a group of four persons to the present membership of 1,000,000 strong.

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Public Notice Town of Bethel, Maine

The Federal Revenue Sharing Report has been submitted to the Office of Revenue Sharing and is available for public inspection Monday—Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Town Office, 10 Main Street, Bethel, Maine.

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Nobody's Business

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main;... any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind;..."

These words of John Donne were brought to mind late Tuesday morning when the news came of the death of the seven crew members of the space shuttle Challenger less than two minutes after launch from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Only the most cynical amongst us could fail to have been moved by the tragic event that the immediacy of live television brought into the homes and schoolrooms around the nation.

The crew members of the ill-fated Challenger, Dick Scobee, Michael Smith, Judy Resnik, Ellison Onizuka, Ron McNair, Greg Jarvis, and Christa McAuliffe, a school teacher from Concord, N.H., were the first U.S. astronauts to lose their lives in space.

Even though their equipment was late 20th century "state of the art" they were as surely pioneers and explorers as Lewis and Clark searching for a north-west passage, Ferdinand Magellan, Christopher Columbus, the intrepid aviators solving the mysteries of flight in the early days of this century, and the first astronauts in their Mercury capsules.

I shall always remember what I was doing when I learned of Pearl Harbor in 1941, of President Roosevelt's death in 1945, of President Kennedy's assassination in 1963, and the death of seven astronauts in 1986.

riding on a course at the Bethel Inn golf course all day. Ice skating also available. The day will be rounded out by a contra-dance, with the old fashioned fiddler music, held at the Lions Den on Main Street, across from the Casco Bank. Please come and join in the fun—the dances will be taught as you go—so you don't have to feel shy!



BETHEL FIREFIGHTERS Burnham Rice (left) and David Brown worked to put out a chimney fire at the Boudreau residence on Mechanic Street last Friday.

Tax Acquired Property Town of Upton

Nonconforming 1/2 acre lot. Lot cannot be used for a building site. By bid. Submit bids to Board of Selectmen, Upton, Maine 04261. Bids close Friday, Feb. 28, 1986. The selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

PUBLIC HEARING Town of Newry

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Office, Tuesday, February 11, at 7 p.m. on the following: General Assistance, Building Code and Road Opening Ordinances, Action on Petition for Zoning Ordinance and Name Change for Bond Road.

Stephen W. Wight, Roger E. Hanscom, Lee Swan Selectmen

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MINNIE IRENE WILSON

Minnie Irene Wilson, 92, died suddenly Jan. 24, 1986, at Stillwater Health Care, Bangor, where she had been a resident for about five years.

The daughter of Irving H. and Arvilla Grover Wilson of Bethel, she graduated from Gould Academy in 1910 and taught in several of the Bethel schools before working as secretary-bookkeeper successively for Springer's mill and J.A. Thurston Co., Inc. An active member of the Bethel United Methodist Church, she was for many years its Sunday School superintendent.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Leslie (Myrtle) Lapham of Bethel; two brothers, Elwin and Evans Wilson of Orono; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

LYNDELL E. FARR

Mrs. Lyndell E. Farr of West Paris died Friday, Jan. 24, 1986, shortly after arrival at the Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway.

She was born at South Paris on Jan. 20, 1902, the daughter of Clayton and Angie Lovejoy Churchill. She lived in Thelthorpe during her early years and was a 1921 graduate of West Paris High School. She graduated from Farmington Normal School in 1923. She married Simeon Farr on June 24, 1926 and lived most of her married life in West Paris. Mr. Farr died on July 26, 1969. Mrs. Farr was an elementary school teacher and taught for many years at schools in West Paris and Bryant Pond. She was a member of the West Paris Universalist Church, where she served for many years as superintendent of the Sunday School. For several years she was the church organist and a member of the church choir. Mrs. Farr was a member of the West Paris Grange, the Maine Retired Teachers Association, and was a charter member of the West Paris Historical Society, where she was instrumental in compiling a comprehensive history of the early schools in the area.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ella Smith of West Paris.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the West Paris Universalist Church. Interment will be in the spring at the Wayside Cemetery, West Paris.

DAVID SMITH SR.

David Smith Sr. of Andover died Friday, Jan. 24, 1986, at the Rumford Community Hospital.

He has been in Andover, Oct. 27, 1907, the son of Charles D. and Harriet Murchison Smith. A life-long resident of Andover, Mr. Smith went to schools there and was a self-employed woodsman all his life. He married Edna J. Armstrong in Newport, N.H., on Sept. 4, 1942. Mr. Smith was a trustee and charter member of the Calvary Congregational Church in South Andover.

Survivors include his wife, Harriet of Andover; one son, David Smith Jr. of Andover; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Marion) MacKenney of North Edgcomb, and Mrs. Albert (Margaret) Buzzell of Hermon; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Calvary Congregational Church with Rev. Donald Grover and Rev. Nathaniel Pearson officiating. Interment will be in the spring at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover.

SHERWOOD J. BUCK

Sherwood J. Buck, formerly of Woodstock, died Monday, Jan. 13, 1986, at St. Albans, Maine.

He was born Oct. 16, 1924, at Rumford, the son of Clinton S. and Mildred Brown Buck. He was a graduate of Woodstock High School and served in the Merchant Marine during World War II. He lived in Woodstock and operated a service station in Bryant Pond for several years before moving to Arizona. After returning to Maine he was employed as a heavy equipment operator for Blue Rock Industries until his retirement about four years ago.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mildred Buck Poulton of Bryant Pond; a sister, Arlene Cushman of West Paris; a brother, Kenneth Buck, of Bethel; four sons, Stephen, Spencer, Ronald and Richard, of Arizona; two daughters, Sandra Husky and Shirley Doughty, also of Arizona; three stepsons, Guy Currier of Ripley, Ronald of Farmington, N.H., and Scott of Methuen, Mass.; 12 grandchildren and one step granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Friday, Jan. 17, at the Crosby Funeral Home in Dexter with the Rev. Robert Leon officiating. Spring interment will be in the Abbotts Mills Cemetery.

A note from the publisher

Although some government officials will occasionally tell you it's unpatriotic to doubt what your government is telling you, it seems to me that a healthy dose of skepticism is the best medicine when trying to swallow any statement from someone who's trying to get money from you. And, of course, that's what the government is doing—taxing us for programs both wise and unwise.

The latest program we're faced with is the disposal of high-level nuclear waste from the nation's nuclear power plants and the military establishment. The Department of Energy wants to bury this lethal, radioactive material in underground vaults where it is expected to remain undisturbed for 10,000 years—twice as long as the written history of mankind.

That a bureaucrat could even concoct such a scheme is mind-boggling. That elected officials could approve it is dismaying.

The plain fact is that our government has never come to grips with the dangers of nuclear energy. From the earliest bomb tests, where men and animals were carelessly exposed to radiation, to the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to the licensing of nuclear reactors—it has been one long history of disregard for the power of the split atom.

Back in my Navy days, I was sent to learn about atomic warfare at a three-month course. We learned how to wash down ourselves and our ships after a nuclear attack, how much radiation we could live with, etc.

In my case, I wasn't being prepared for nuclear war but rather for disposing of nuclear waste. I was the engineering officer on an LST that had been converted to carry military waste out to sea for deep-water disposal.

In 1960 when I reported to the ship—the USS Calhoun County, LST-519, homeported at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Earle, N.J.—I was given a geiger counter and given, as one of my duties, the responsibility of making sure the ship didn't become contaminated by the waste we carried.

Most of the waste we carried to sea was old ammunition and decaying bombs. Rocket motors were, I recall, a big item for deep-water disposal.

But every few months we would be given a load of low-level nuclear waste: rags, clothing, tools, liquids contaminated by contact with radioactive materials.

The waste was always sealed in 55-gallon drums, with cement at both ends, and strapped four to a pallet. We would fill the entire deck with pallets, lash the whole affair down securely, and head out to sea.

It would usually take us two days to get into sufficiently deep water for disposal—across the 5,000 foot boundary. On the way to the dump area, which was a couple of hundred miles east of the Jersey coast, I would monitor the load with the Government Issue geiger counter to make sure the barrels weren't leaking. I was never told what to do if I found one that was leaking. Fortunately, we never had one that leaked.

When we arrived at our destination in the middle of the Atlantic, we would shove the barrels over the side, keeping a close watch to make sure they all sank. Marksman stood with M-1 rifles to puncture anything that declined to sink.

If everything went right, we would be back in port two days later.

Often, however, things went wrong long after we had left the scene. Often, weeks or months after we had jettisoned our radioactive load, Jersey

COUNTY REPUBLICANS HOLDING ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY DINNER IN SOUTH PARIS, FEB. 22

At a recent meeting of the Oxford County Republican Committee plans were made to hold the Annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 22 at Michel's Restaurant, South Paris. The evening will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. Followed by the dinner at 7:30 p.m. The dinner committee members are: Barbara Brown, Joan Andrews, Jeri Brooks, Harriet Robinson, Sally White, Kathleen Mersereau, Virginia Noble and Nancy Sutton.

Tickets may be purchased from the following committee members: Malcolm White, 364-2697; Joan Andrews, 697-2963; Barbara Brown, 824-2445; and Ragna Gauger 743-7471.

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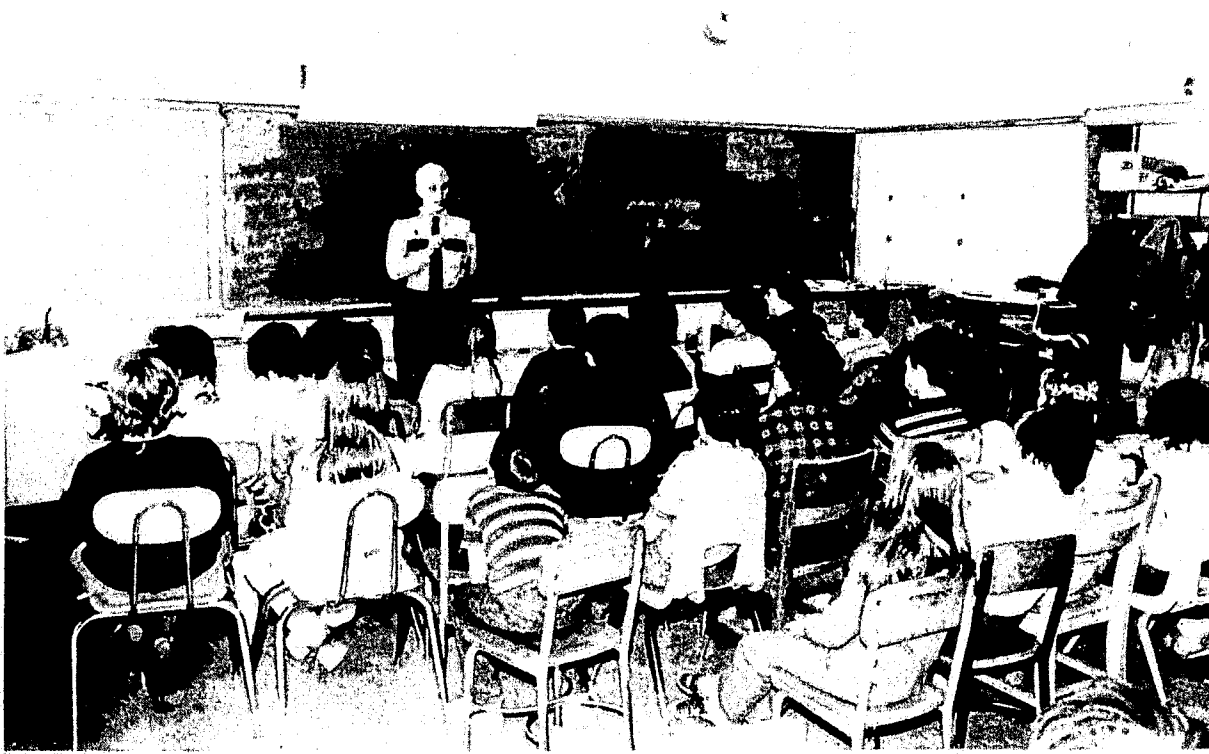
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BETHEL POLICE OFFICER NORMAN CLANTON talked with Crescent Park students last week about the importance of using seatbelts when riding in a car.

INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT CLUB TO MEET AT BETHEL INN

The Western Maine Industrial Management Club will be holding their monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 3 at the Bethel Inn.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 with a social hour, followed by dinner of roast beef at 6:30. The guest speaker at 7:30 will be Dale Higgins of Continental Telephone, as requested by several members.

Please try to attend and support the Club.

fishermen would snag the nuclear waste barrels in their nets. The authorities would pick up the barrels, and we would dump them again the next time out.

Deep water disposal of nuclear waste was cancelled in the 1970s after articles about the practice began appearing in the press.

Having discovered that burying waste in 5,000 feet of ocean is good for as short a time as a few weeks, the government now has the idea that if they bury the waste in rocks 3,000 feet beneath the surface it will be good for 10,000 years. Give me a break!

My confidence in the Department of Energy bureaucrats working on this program—the Crystalline Repository Project—was seriously shaken this week when The Citizen noticed a very simple, but important, mistake in the draft "Area Recommendation Report."

This is the report that concludes the Sebago Lake area is a top-notch contender for the honor of being the nation's second high-level nuclear waste site. The information for the report was gleaned from literature on the area.

One of the criteria for giving an area a high mark as a potential site was that it not have much population. The draft report states that the Sebago Lake area meets this criterion.

The Citizen noticed, however, in double-checking the report's population figures, that the figures are woefully out of date. For example, the report assigns Norway a population of 2,653, when, in fact, the town's population in the 1980 census was 4,042. (The town clerk says the population is still around that figure.) The report claims Yarmouth has a population of 2,981, when, in fact, in 1980 it had a population of 6,585. Similar errors can be found in the population statistics for other towns in the Sebago Lake area.

If the bureaucrats can't even come up with accurate population figures can we expect them to be accurate about other aspects of the proposed project?

Like most every other red-blooded American, I wasted Sunday evening watching the Superbowl.

The only thing worse than the lopsided score was the long-winded commentary by Merlin Olsen. Too bad John Madden works for CBS.

Sports in Bethel looked awfully good on Saturday, however, as Telstar and Gould swapped victories in girls and boys basketball. Aside from the spirited play by both sides, the sportsmanship exhibited by players and fans was of the highest calibre. It made for a good time, even if your favorite team didn't win.

New edition of 'East Bethel Road' available for sale

Dr. Stanley R. Howe, director of the Bethel Historical Society, announced this week that the society has published a new edition of Eva Bean's "East Bethel Road," which originally appeared in 1959.

This remarkable local history, long out of print and generally unavailable for the past 15 years, is filled with the history of an earlier era, much of which Miss Bean, a native of East Bethel, knew first hand.

This new edition contains all 452 pages of the original book and adds over 300 more, bringing the history of this portion of the Town of Bethel up to the present. Recorded here are changes in house sites and families, plus cemetery records and corrections of the first edition.

Printed on aluminum-free, resin-free, and acid-free, high-quality paper with an expected life of at least 300 years, the book also boasts a handsome dust jacket reproducing Susie Kimball's 1880 watercolor painting of East Bethel Road, looking east at Middle Intervale, the early center of Bethel. Printed by Smith & Towne Printers, of Berlin, N.H., the book was bound by the New Hampshire Bindery, in Concord, N.H.

This edition was made possible through the transfer of copyright to the Bethel Historical Society by the heirs of Eva Bean. Three individuals worked more than a year on the supplement to the book, gathering and preparing material suitable for inclusion. These were Agnes Haines, Mildred Jackson, and Nancy Mercer—all long-time residents of East Bethel.

The book was edited and seen through its various stages of publication by an East Bethel native, Society Director Howe, and includes a foreword by a friend of Eva Bean's, Margaret Joy Tibbels, chairman of the society's board of trustees.

Credit for drafting the transfer of copyright goes to Society Life Member and Bethel attorney, Gordon M. Gillies. Eva Marion Bean, born in East Bethel in 1895, spent more than five years writing the original edition of this book. According to her foreword, she wrote the book to ensure that a fence would be built around Bartlett Cemetery in East Bethel, one of the town's oldest burial grounds. She never lived to see this done, but in 1976 the project was completed under the leadership of the Bethel Historical Society. Miss Bean's fund paid for the fencing and volunteers supplied the labor and posts.

A graduate of Gould Academy in 1913, Colby College in 1917, and Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing, in New York, Miss Bean practiced nursing for several years until the onset of severe arthritis forced her to retire. Thereafter, she spent

the remainder of her life gathering material that later became a model local history.

Miss Bean was subsequently instrumental in the founding of the Bethel Historical Society, in 1966, and became its first secretary until her death in 1969. The archives room of the Bethel Historical Society, which contains many of her carefully prepared notebooks, was named in her honor in 1976.

This latest publication represents the society's most ambitious publishing venture to date. In 1981 it published William B. Lapham's "History of Bethel," in collaboration with New England History Press. It also has published numerous pamphlets and special editions, as well as its quarterly, "The Bethel Courier," which this year observes its 10th anniversary.

In 1975, the society was recognized by the American Association for State and Local History for "an effective program of preservation, publications, and education."

Nearly half of the 1,000 copies of the book were sold prior to publication. "I will be interested to see how long it takes for the remainder to go," said Director Howe. "I expect it won't be long before the second edition will be out of print," he added.

Copies are available at the society headquarters, the Dr. Moses Mason House, during regular business hours. For further information, call the society, at 824-2908.

BORN

In Lewiston, Jan. 17, to Michael and Sharon Culbert (Sharon Dunham, West Paris) of South Paris, a daughter, Courtney Diana.

MARRIED

In Watkins Glen, N.Y., Jan. 18, Christina Freestone of West Redding, Conn., and Gerald Lieberg of Fairfield, Conn.

DIED

In Bridgton, Jan. 26, Edgar F. Grover of Lovell, native of Albany, aged 78 years.

In Bangor, Jan. 24, Minnie Irene Wilson, native of Bethel, aged 92 years.

In Norway, Jan. 24, Lyndell E. Farr of West Paris, aged 83 years.

In Rumford, Jan. 24, David Smith Sr., of Andover, aged 78 years.

Correction: In Norway, Jan. 18, James W. Clark of Greenwood, aged 57 years.

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Telstar skiers beat Rumford, split with Hebron

Telstar's downhill skiers had a field day in a slalom race against Rumford last Friday at Sunday River Ski Resort. (The meet had originally been scheduled for Black Mountain but had to be moved to the Newry ski area because of lack of snow at the Rumford area.)

The boys scored 13 points to their opponents' 25, while the girls won their half of the meet, 15-21.

Darcie Witter not only had the best girl's time for a single run but the best time of anyone in the meet, finishing her first run in a swift 29.77 seconds. Her second run was a slower 32.84, but her combined time was still good enough for first place among the girls.

Telstar's Sue Fraser was second, and teammate Rebecca Carter was fifth. The Rebel boys also swept first and second places, with Jeff Lyons finishing with a combined time of 63.36 and Thad Wheeler finishing with 70.62.

Rodney White was fourth, Jim Cobb sixth, Shawn Tedford eighth, Todd Davis ninth, Chris Laban 12th and Matt Laban 13th. Telstar's Jay Hastings had a speedy first run but was disqualified on his second run.

Against Hebron Academy Jan. 17, in a slalom race at Sunday River, the Rebel boys won their portion of the meet, 12-28, but the girls bowed, 11-31.

The Rebel's Witter, usually first or second on any course, fell at the beginning of her first run and was out of action for the afternoon. Fraser had a good first run but was disqualified on her second run. After conceding the top three spots to Hebron, the Rebels' top finisher was Judy Aron, who came in fourth. Jane Head was eighth and Michelle Cummings ninth.

Among the boys, Rod White finished first, with a combined time of 61.94. Lyons was right behind him, with a 62.64. Tom James was fourth, Todd Davis fifth, Gerald Nessim sixth, Thad Wheeler ninth, Jay Hastings 10th, Shawn Tedford 11th and Matt Laban 12th.

FOUR-TOWN REPUBLICAN CAUCUS IN BETHEL, FEB. 2

A joint caucus of Bethel, Newry, Gilead, and Greenwood will be held Sunday, Feb. 2, 4:30 p.m. in the dining room of the Bethel United Methodist Church on Main Street.

At this caucus each of the participating towns will appoint their town committee members, officers, delegates and alternates to represent their towns at the state and district conventions in Portland, April 25, 26, and 27. Also to be appointed are members to serve on the Oxford County Republican Committee for the next two years and town ballot clerks. Following the caucus meetings a potluck supper will be served. All interested people are invited to attend.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU!

MSAD #44—WEEK OF FEB. 3

Monday: Tomato soup, crackers and cheese, salad, frosted cake, tuna salad sandwich, milk.

Tuesday: Hamburg cheese pizza, potato chips, green beans, fruit, bread and butter, milk.

Wednesday: Pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, cookies, bread and butter, milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, fruit, hot cinnamon buns, milk.

Friday: Hot roast beef in bun (Telstar, choice of sandwich), salad, mixed desserts, milk.

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